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DOE recognizes UCOR, ETTP for “Green” purchasing

Oak Ridge, Tenn., March 27, 2012 – Most people in the area surrounding Oak Ridge are aware of the Department of Energy’s efforts to clean up legacy contamination, much of it dating back to World War II and the Cold War. But DOE also wants this work done in an environmentally friendly way, such as by using products and materials that use less energy and that can be recycled, thus generating less waste.

In that vein, the DOE Office of Sustainability Support helps DOE sites such as East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) set goals and recognizes those sites and contractors that achieve them. As a result, ETTP has been named a recipient of the 2012 Bronze GreenBuy Award for achieving excellence in “Sustainable Acquisition.”

URS|CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) and ETTP will be recognized in the Fall GreenGov Conference in Washington, D.C. The site reached the “Leadership Goal” for five products in two categories:

- **Office**—purchasing energy-saving computers, monitors and servers, and purchasing office supplies with high recycled content. The computer equipment was purchased using the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool, an on-line service that helps institutional purchasers select and compare computer desktops, laptops, and monitors based on their environmental attributes.
- **Construction**—purchasing construction supplies that contain recycled content.

“This recognition by our DOE customer is greatly appreciated,” said UCOR President and Project Manager Leo Sain. “It also challenges us to make an even greater effort toward purchasing those products that reduce negative impacts to the environment. It is not only good for the environment, but is good business.”

To win an award next year, the site will have to increase its goal to at least six products in three categories. The product list is maintained by the DOE Office of Sustainability Support.

UCOR is the Department of Energy's Environmental Management contractor at the Oak Ridge Reservation. The company is responsible for deactivation and demolition of the K-25 facility at ETTP, as well as other specific scopes of work at ETTP, the Y-12 National Security Site, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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