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UCOR, DOE Complete Project Contract Reconciliation

Oak Ridge, Tenn., July 12, 2012 – URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) have reconciled and aligned the Oak Ridge cleanup contract as it relates to how it was bid and the actual work that UCOR will be performing.

After major government contracts are awarded, contractors begin this reconciliation process, which takes into account additional work scope that was not included in the original Request for Proposal and work that was removed from the scope.

Immediately after taking over the contract on Aug. 1, 2011, UCOR began defining the material differences between the contract proposal and the actual work that DOE assigned UCOR. Some of these changes included the addition of the K-1070-B Burial Ground remediation at East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP), removal of the contaminated Tank W-1A at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and acceleration of the K-27 Building decontamination and demolition project at ETTP.

UCOR completed submission of all material difference proposals to DOE in January, and DOE conducted technical evaluations and cost analyses on all proposals. DOE and UCOR concluded negotiations the last week in May with the final modification signed on May 31.

“Historically this process has taken two or three years at other sites,” said Pat Timbes, UCOR Project Contract Manager. “We managed to accomplish this in 10 months.”

In the June 8 issue of *Weapons Complex Monitor*, Deputy Assistant EM Secretary for Acquisition and Project Management Jack Surash praised UCOR for being able to get its baseline approved within one year of award and called it a “good sign of progress.”

“Completing this reconciliation so quickly speaks volumes about the attention to detail and professionalism of our Project Planning, Integration, and Controls staff and the project teams,” said Leo Sain, President and Project Manager.

The DOE and UCOR staff responsible for completion of the contract reconciliation were honored at a breakfast event held July 12 at ETTP.

UCOR is DOE's Environmental Management contractor at the Oak Ridge Reservation. The URS-led team 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 Complex, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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