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UCOR Accepting Proposals for New Education Mini-Grant Program

Oak Ridge, Tenn., April 2, 2013 – URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) is accepting proposals from area schools for educational grants with a specific goal of enabling new instructional methods in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

UCOR Education Mini-Grants will be awarded directly to teachers and schools for specific projects. All teachers are welcome to apply, but proposals should focus on STEM projects. For instance, a music teacher might apply for a grant for a math-related project within the field of music.

Schools in Roane, Anderson, Loudon and Knox counties are eligible to submit proposals.

Interested teachers should contact their school principals for more information. Applications must be received by April 12, 2013.

“Funding excellence in education is a major commitment for UCOR,” said Leo Sain, UCOR President and Project Manager. “As a technology-based company, we are especially committed to funding math, science, and technology-related educational endeavors. This is our second year offering these annual mini-grants with some impressive projects having been undertaken by our awardees in the first year. Our mini-grants program gives students opportunities they may not otherwise have.”

Proposal packages will be sent to school principals. More than one teacher in a school may submit proposals, but each proposal must be approved by the principal. Applications may be made for \$500 (for a single classroom), \$750 (for a grade or several classes) or \$1,000 (for an entire school, and must include an implementation plan).

Proposals will be judged on three criteria:

- A project summary, which describes the project and expected results.
- The top three learning objectives/curriculum concepts that will be enhanced by the grant, and how results will be measured.
- An explanation as to why the project is deserving of the grant.

Grant winners will be recognized at a reception in May.

For more information about the UCOR Education Mini-Grants program, contact Veronica O'Hearn, UCOR Strategic Planning, Communications, and Governmental Affairs, (865) 574-9102.

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