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Deadline Approaching for Mini-Grant Proposals

Oak Ridge, Tenn., April 3, 2013 – The deadline is approaching to submit proposals for Excellence in Teaching Mini-Grants from URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR).

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's mini-grants will be awarded directly to teachers and schools for specific projects. All teachers are welcome to apply, but proposals should focus on science, technology, engineering and math (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 being undertaken by our teacher awardees. We feel strongly that 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 Excellence in Teaching Mini-Grants program, contact Veronica O'Hearn, UCOR Communications, (865) 574-9102.

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