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*Safely Delivering the U.S. Department of Energy's Vision for the East Tennessee Technology Park Mission*

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## UCOR Presents 2016 Small Business Awards

**Oak Ridge, Tennessee, August 16, 2016** – URS |CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) has presented awards to six small businesses to recognize their exceptional efforts in supporting its cleanup contract on the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Reservation.

UCOR is responsible for cleaning up East Tennessee Technology Park, a former gaseous diffusion plant that DOE is converting into a private sector industrial park. It also performs cleanup work at other Reservation locations. The company has subcontracted \$691 million of its work, with 78 percent of that going to small businesses. UCOR's work includes demolition of the gaseous diffusion facilities, management of an on-Reservation waste disposal cell, surveillance and maintenance of unneeded facilities, and soil remediation.

"We rely heavily on subcontractors to safely perform our work," said Freda Hopper, UCOR Small Business Manager. "Our subcontracting work force constantly goes above and beyond what is expected, so it was difficult selecting just a few to honor. However, this year's winners have shown consistently exceptional performance throughout the year."

The subcontractors were honored at an awards breakfast held in Oak Ridge on Monday, Aug. 15. John Hale III, Director, DOE Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, was the guest speaker. The ceremony also included comments from Ken Rueter, UCOR President and Project Manager, and Sue Cange, Manager of the DOE Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management.

The businesses recognized are as follows:

**Small Business of the Year:** Crossville Hydraulics, which repairs, rebuilds and maintains cylinders for the demolition equipment used in UCOR's cleanup operations.

**Small Disadvantaged Business of the Year:** Oak Ridge Automotive, which provides UCOR with automotive and heavy equipment parts for their fleet vehicles.

**HUBZone Small Business of the Year:** Smee + Busbee Architects, which provided design and museum professional service for historic preservation facilities to be constructed at East Tennessee Technology Park.

**Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year:** FireWater Associates, which provides technical support for UCOR's surveillance and maintenance activities at East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the Y-12 National Security Complex.

**Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year:** Claiborne Hauling LLC, which provides various types of rock products to all of UCOR's sites.

**Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year:** Premier Contracting & Technical Services, which supplies UCOR with everyday goods and products such as hand and power tools, hardware, safety items and furniture.



*John Hale III, Director, DOE Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, addresses attendees at the 2016 UCOR Small Business Awards ceremony. Also pictured, from left, are Sue Cange, Manager of the DOE Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management; Freda Hopper, UCOR Small Business Manager; and Ken Rueter, UCOR President and Project Manager.*

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