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UCOR Presents 2018 Small Business Awards

Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Aug. 15, 2018 – URS |CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) today presented awards to six small businesses to recognize their exceptional efforts in supporting UCOR’s 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. UCOR also performs cleanup work at other Reservation locations, including Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Y-12 National Security Complex.

From contract inception in 2011 to date, the company has subcontracted over \$1 billion of its work, with 80 percent of that going to small businesses. UCOR’s work includes demolition of the gaseous diffusion facilities, management of an on-Reservation waste disposal facility, surveillance and maintenance of unneeded facilities, and environmental remediation.

“UCOR’s small business subcontracting workforce constantly exceeds expectations, so the selection process is always a challenge,” said Freda Hopper, UCOR Small Business Program manager. “This year’s winners are stellar performers in their respective areas. Their work speaks for itself and makes clear why we rely so heavily on small businesses for so many functions in our project.”

The subcontractors were honored at an awards breakfast held in Oak Ridge on Wednesday (Aug. 15). Christy Jackiewicz, deputy director, DOE Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization in Washington, D.C., was the guest speaker. The ceremony also included comments from Jay Mullis, manager of the DOE Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management, and Ron Slottke, manager of UCOR Project Services and Support. The businesses recognized are as follows:

- **Small Business of the Year: PACTEC, Inc.**, a flexible packaging leader for hazardous and nuclear wastes world-wide based in Clinton, Louisiana.
- **Small Disadvantaged Business of the Year: ExpoQuip, Inc.**, a world-wide distributor of heavy equipment parts and components established in 1998 in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- **HUBZone Small Business of the Year: Street Legal Industries**, a woman-owned HUBZone Small Business established in Oak Ridge in 1994 that supports federal, state and local governments through professional technical support services

- **Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year: Hubbard Trucking, Inc.**, a woman-owned HUBZone small business based in Barbourville, Kentucky, that provides waste transporter for DOE contractors, including UCOR.
- **Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year: Banda Group International LLC (BGI)**, a technical and project management support services company founded in 2003 in Chandler, Arizona, with a branch office in Oak Ridge.
- **Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year: LB Services**, established in 1992 in Oliver Springs, Tennessee, designs and builds wetland mitigation banks and stream restoration projects.

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