

KEN RUETER

President and Chief Executive Officer



Education

Bachelor of Science

Chemical Engineering
Cleveland State University

Executive Management Program

Moore School of Business
University of South Carolina

Previous Positions

President and Project Manager

Savannah River Remediation LLC
Savannah River Site
Aiken, South Carolina

Chief Operating Officer

UCOR
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Chief Operating Officer

Washington River Protection Solutions
Hanford Site
Richland, Washington

Director, Project Integration

Washington River Protection Solutions
Hanford Site
Richland, Washington

Ken Rueter is President and Chief Executive Officer of UCOR, the Department of Energy's (DOE) cleanup contractor for the Oak Ridge Reservation. As President of UCOR, Ken has guided and motivated a professional management team and hundreds of skilled workers as they successfully undertake the largest environmental cleanup in DOE's history. Together, he and the UCOR workforce are eliminating hazards and reducing risks in East Tennessee.

Under Ken's oversight, UCOR has experienced an unmatched record of success – not only finishing major projects ahead of schedule and under budget but doing so safely as demonstrated by DOE's awarding UCOR Star status in its Voluntary Protection Program. As a result of Ken's leadership, UCOR's incentive award fees from DOE have been among the highest in the complex.

During almost three decades of industry experience, Ken has led all aspects of site cleanup and remediation, radioactive waste treatment and project integration, including construction, risk management as well as cost and schedule development. Previously, Ken served as President of Savannah River Remediation LLC and as Project Manager for the Savannah River Liquid Waste Project.

Earlier in his career, Ken served as Chief Operating Officer for the Hanford Tank Operations Contract in Washington State and as Director of Project Integration for Washington River Protection Solutions at DOE's Hanford site.

Ken is most proud of building investment-worthy enterprises that deliver more value to the customer for every dollar spent. That philosophy is paying off as DOE has exercised the option period of UCOR's Oak Ridge contract, opening the door for even more work through 2020.

In Oak Ridge, Ken is an active community leader, representing UCOR as a member of local organizations that promote economic development, entrepreneurship, health and wellness, outdoor recreational opportunities, and civic pride. These groups include the East Tennessee Economic Council and the Energy, Technology and Environmental Business Association. Under Ken's oversight, UCOR, its employees and subcontractors also donate more than \$100,000 to area United Way organizations each year.

He serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Construction Research and Training. He was the 2016 recipient of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers' prestigious Management Division Award. In 2017, he was presented with the East Tennessee Economic Council Muddy Boot Award, recognizing his contributions to the Oak Ridge community.

In 2019, the National Safety Council recognized Ken's personal commitment to safety and his philosophy of safety as a prerequisite to all work by naming him a CEO who "Gets It." This prestigious designation is presented to leaders who go above and beyond to protect employees both on and off the job.