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UCOR Accepting Applications for Education Mini-Grant Program

Oak Ridge, Tenn., February 19, 2020 – Local STEM teachers once again have the opportunity to submit applications for support of classroom science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) projects. For the ninth consecutive year, UCOR, an Amentum-led partnership with Jacobs, is accepting mini-grant applications from public school teachers in eight counties for educational projects in the STEM areas.

This year, UCOR will award mini-grants directly to teachers and schools in eight East Tennessee counties for specific projects. Schools in Anderson, Campbell, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Roane, Scott, and Union counties (including Oak Ridge and Clinton City schools) are eligible to submit applications. Teachers in those counties are welcome to apply, but applications should focus on STEM. For instance, a music teacher might apply for a grant for a math-related project within the field of music.

Interested teachers and administrators should go to the UCOR website (www.ucor.com) for more information and to download the application. UCOR will accept applications from February 17 and until 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2020. Application received after the deadline will not be considered.

Application information can be obtained from the UCOR website. UCOR welcomes submissions from more than one teacher in a school. Applications may be made for \$500 (for a single classroom), \$750 (for a grade or several classes working together) or \$1,000 (for a whole-school project).

Applications will be judged on four criteria:

1. Project summary: Description of the project and expected results.
2. Learning outcomes: The top three learning objectives/curriculum concepts.
3. Evaluation: How project results will be measured (UCOR requires awardees to submit photos, where possible, of students engaged in the project).
4. Validation: How the project supports STEM and why it is deserving of the grant.

Grant winners will be selected and notified by April 20. All winning teachers and their school principals will be invited to attend a special UCOR-sponsored event recognizing their successful grant application and highlighting the project featured in their proposals.

UCOR's Educational Mini-Grants Program supports two of the company's four community outreach focuses: children's advocacy and education & workforce development. The remaining focus areas are health & wellness and historic preservation/conservation. UCOR also supports local robotics teams, higher education programs related to

environmental cleanup, and professional training. For more information about the UCOR Education Mini-Grants Program, contact Shannon Potter, UCOR Communications, at (865) 576-7476 or ucor.grants@ettp.doe.gov.

UCOR is DOE's leading environmental cleanup partner. Since August 2011, UCOR has worked to reduce environmental risk by cleaning up legacy facilities from the former Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant, allowing DOE to repurpose the land and buildings for use as a multi-use industrial park, national park, and conservation area. The company is also cleaning up contaminated facilities that are no longer in use at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Y-12 National Security Complex, reducing environmental risk and helping the DOE Office of Science and the National Nuclear Security Administration to continue their missions.

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