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Abelquist joins UCOR Technical Services team

Oak Ridge, Tenn., November 9, 2020 – Dr. Eric Abelquist has officially joined the team at UCOR, an Amentum-led partnership with Jacobs. Recently retired from Oak Ridge Associated Universities, today Abelquist takes on the role of UCOR’s Deputy Director of Technical Services.

Abelquist said he looks forward to the new challenge. “UCOR is a strong partner within the community, highly valued in the region and nationally as an innovator in the cleanup industry, as well as being a fiscally responsible steward of taxpayer dollars. That is just the kind of organization I want to be involved with in the next phase of my career,” Abelquist said.

During his 27 years at ORAU, Abelquist was Executive Vice President and led the organization’s research enterprise. He applied his nuclear engineering training to a joint effort with UCOR to help establish the nation’s first nuclear decommissioning minor in the nuclear engineering program at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

UCOR President and CEO Ken Rueter said he is excited to add Abelquist’s knowledge and experience to the company’s portfolio. “Eric understands our client, our work, our workforce, and our commitment to excellence,” Rueter said. “Plus, as an established leader in the local community, Eric recognizes the importance of collaborating with the community and educational institutions to build the next generation of cleanup workers.”

Abelquist is a Certified Health Physicist (CHP). He holds a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee. He earned his Master of Science in Radiological Sciences and protection and bachelor’s degree in radiological health physics from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

UCOR, an Amentum-led partnership with Jacobs, is the DOE Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management's lead environmental cleanup partner. After safely removing the last of the legacy facilities from East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP), the former Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant, the company's highly trained workforce is removing unused, contaminated facilities at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Y-12 National Security Complex, while continuing remedial actions at ETTP. UCOR's more than 1,900 workers are dedicated to safely reducing environmental risk and helping the DOE Office of Science and the National Nuclear Security Administration to continue their missions. Learn more about the company at UCOR.com.

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