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UCOR Successfully Concludes Negotiations with the United Steel Workers Local #9-288

Oak Ridge, Tenn., August 10, 2012 – Members of the United Steel Workers Local #9-288, Oak Ridge Tennessee, ratified a new four-year agreement last night with URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) for work being performed at the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP). UCOR is the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) cleanup contractor for its Oak Ridge Reservation.

The agreement provides for a two percent general wage increase in each of the next four years and covers changes to the benefits that are consistent with changes in benefits for non-bargaining unit employees that were announced earlier in the year.

In an effort to control the ever increasing benefits costs, the union agreed to increased costs of co-pays for office visits, specialists, and emergency room visits. The union also agreed to changes to the company matching contributions in the savings plan, short-term disability pay plan, and prescription drug plans.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement with UCOR," said Dennis Pennington, President of United Steel Workers Local #9-288. "This settlement provides stability in wages over the next four years in our contractual relationship with UCOR. The agreement remains consistent with our belief that everyone—the union, company, and the DOE—can benefit when the interests of the workers are successfully addressed in a non-adversarial environment."

UCOR is responsible for deactivation and demolition of the K-25 facility at ETTP, as well as other specific scopes of work at ETTP, the Y-12 National Security Complex, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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