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ETTP Receives Federal Electronics Challenge Platinum Award

Oak Ridge, Tenn., Aug. 28, 2012 – East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) has become the first U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management site to receive the Federal Electronics Challenge (FEC) platinum award.

The FEC is a partnership program that encourages federal facilities and agencies to purchase greener electronic products, reduce impacts of electronic products during use, and manage obsolete electronics in an environmentally safe way. Federal agencies and facilities participate as partners in the program.

ETTP received the gold award in 2011 and is now one of only 10 platinum winners in 2012. The site won the platinum award, the highest level given, largely for its efforts in recycling end-of-life electronic equipment, purchasing environmentally friendly computer products, reducing paper and other consumables from its Radio Frequency Identification Transportation System, and implementing electronic energy saving measures during 2011.

A former gaseous diffusion complex built as part of the Manhattan Project, ETTP is now being transformed into a private sector industrial park. URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR), DOE's Environmental Management contractor in Oak Ridge, is assisting in this transformation by cleaning up various areas and demolishing unneeded buildings at the site.

“Our site has done a fantastic job of ensuring that our purchases and operations abide by the principles instilled by the Federal Electronics Challenge,” said Leo Sain, UCOR President and Project Manager. “We are committed to helping the federal government in its efforts to improve its sustainable practices when purchasing, managing, and disposing of electronics assets.”

The FEC is managed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Federal Environmental Education.

UCOR is responsible for deactivation and demolition of the K-25 Building 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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