

**For Immediate Release**

Contact:  
Chris Caldwell  
Christopher.Caldwell@orcc.doe.gov  
(804) 658-8367

## **UCOR recognizes outstanding small business partners**

**Oak Ridge, Tennessee, July 23, 2024** — United Cleanup Oak Ridge (UCOR) has recognized six small business partners for their contributions to the company’s environmental cleanup at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge Reservation.

At its annual small business awards breakfast, UCOR honored CTI & Associates; Aleut Demolition Services; Impres Technology Solutions; Barr Technical Services; Drummond Carpenter; and Premier Contracting and Technical Services. UCOR recognized each award recipient as a valued partner for outstanding customer service and exceptional responsiveness.

UCOR President and CEO Ken Rueter told attendees that what they do makes a difference to UCOR’s mission. “Everyone in this room has demonstrated time and time again your commitment to safety and excellence in our partnership” Rueter said.

UCOR continues to exceed its 45% small business subcontracting goals set by the Department of Energy (DOE). Since May 2022, UCOR has subcontracted over \$659M with almost 85% of our subcontracts going to small businesses.

Carol Jennings, Small Business Program Manager for DOE’s Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management, noted that UCOR continues to invest in small business relationships for future success.

“Small businesses are often the unsung heroes behind our progress. You provide important services that help us complete projects on schedule and on budget,” Jennings said. “You are co-collaborators and share ownership in our successes.”

Impres Technology was this year’s winner in the HubZone small business category. UCOR Systems Administrator Judson Hall said it was the company’s customer service that set them apart: “They are the top tier, cream of the crop,” Hall said. “They are on the spot and can handle any issue and immediately resolve it.”

The businesses recognized are as follows:

- **Small Business of the Year:** [CTI and Associates, Inc.](#), an Oak Ridge environmental consulting and engineering firm with 48 years of service, evolving from geotechnical engineering to a full-service contractor.
- **Small Disadvantaged Business of the Year:** Since 2019, the Oak Ridge-based [Aleut Demolition Services, LLC](#), has specialized in site preparation and secure construction services to include radioactive and hazardous structures, for federal customers throughout the U.S.
- **HUBZone Small Business of the Year:** [Impres Technology Solutions, Inc.](#), a Round Rock, Texas firm, has been providing technology services for more than two decades, including cybersecurity, storage and networking, cloud solutions, and IT modernization.
- **Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year:** [Barr Technical Services, Inc.](#), based in Oak Ridge, has 20+ years of experience supporting procurement of goods and services. The company offers business management & support services to government and commercial entities.
- **Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year:** [Drummond Carpenter, PLLC](#), headquartered in Orlando, Florida, has been working for eight years providing environmental and water resources engineering and applied research.
- **Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year:** [Premier Contracting and Technical Services](#) is an Oak Ridge-based business that supplies hard-to-find large equipment as well as industrial and office supplies.

More information about UCOR's small business program is available at [ucor.com/subcontractors/](http://ucor.com/subcontractors/).

UCOR is the DOE Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management's lead environmental cleanup contractor. The company's 2,200 workers are dedicated to safely reducing environmental risk on the Oak Ridge Reservation while helping DOE's Office of Science and the National Nuclear Security Administration continue their important missions. Learn more about the company at [UCOR.com](http://UCOR.com).

-end-

UCOR NR 2024-05

Photo: 2024\_small\_business\_awardees.jpg

Caption: Representatives from the small business winners at the awards ceremony: (l to r) David Stevens, Aleut Demolition Services; Nick Trzcinski, Aleut Federal; Mark Morgan, CTI and Associates; Mike Lamon, CTI and Associates, Olivia Rockett, Drummond Carpenter; Chad Drummond, Drummond Carpenter; Rebecca Barr, Barr Technical Services Inc.; James Luby, Premier Contracting and Technical Services; Jason Watson, Premier Contracting and Technical Services. Not pictured, Impres Technology.