

Ken Rueter

President and Chief Executive Officer



Ken Rueter is President and Chief Executive Officer of UCOR, the Department of Energy's (DOE) environmental cleanup prime contractor for the Oak Ridge Reservation. He leads a professional and skilled labor workforce of 2,500 on the \$8.3 billion Oak Ridge Reservation Cleanup Contract.

Under the former ETPP contract, Ken guided and motivated a workforce of over 2,000 to perform work safely and efficiently, eliminating hazards and reducing environmental liability. Under Ken's oversight, UCOR experienced an unmatched record of success, not only finishing major projects ahead of schedule and under budget, but doing so safely as demonstrated by DOE awarding UCOR Star status in its Voluntary Protection Program. In 2019, the National Safety Council recognized Ken's personal commitment to safety and his philosophy of safety as a prerequisite to all work by naming him a CEO who "Gets It." This prestigious designation is presented to leaders who go above and beyond to protect employees both on and off the job. Under his leadership, UCOR has opened a Mental Wellbeing Center to ensure employees have timely access to mental health resources.

Education

Bachelor of Science

Chemical Engineering
Cleveland State University

Executive Management Program

Moore School of Business
University of South Carolina

Previous Positions

President and CEO

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Oak Ridge, Tennessee

President and CEO

Savannah River Remediation LLC
Savannah River Site
Aiken, South Carolina

Chief Operating Officer

UCOR
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Chief Operating Officer

Washington River Protection Solutions
Hanford Site
Richland, Washington

Director, Project Integration

Washington River Protection Solutions
Hanford Site
Richland, Washington

In Oak Ridge, Ken is an active community leader, representing UCOR as a member of local organizations that promote economic development, entrepreneurship, health and wellness, outdoor recreational opportunities, and civic pride, including the East Tennessee Economic Council, Legacy Parks Foundation, and Tennessee Chamber of Commerce. Under Ken's oversight, UCOR, its workforce, and subcontractors have donated over \$3M to local and regional organizations focused on children's advocacy, education and workforce development, health and wellness, and conservation and preservation.

He serves on the Boards of Directors of the Legacy Parks Foundation, Center for Construction Research and Training, East Tennessee Children's Hospital, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as a management trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Laborers' Health and Safety Fund of North America, which is composed of LiUNA and employer representatives. He was appointed to Governor Bill Lee's Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council.

Ken was the 2016 recipient of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers' prestigious Management Division Award. In 2017, he was presented with the East Tennessee Economic Council Muddy Boot Award, recognizing his contributions to the Oak Ridge community.

Throughout his four decades of industry experience, Ken has led all aspects of site cleanup and remediation, radioactive waste treatment, and project integration, including construction, risk management, and cost and schedule development.

Ken previously served as President of Savannah River Remediation LLC and as Project Manager for the Savannah River Site Liquid Waste Project.

Earlier in his career, Ken served as Chief Operating Officer for the Hanford Tank Operations Contract in Washington State and as Director of Project Integration for Washington River Protection Solutions at DOE's Hanford site.

Ken is most proud of building investment-worthy enterprises that deliver more value to the customer for every dollar spent as well as instituting his shared governance model, which brings all stakeholders to the table to build equity and ownership in decision making.