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## WSRC EARNS FOURTH CONSECUTIVE SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

AIKEN, S.C., (June 18) - In a ceremony recently held at the Energy Department headquarters, Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham announced WSRC was a winner of a 2003 National Small Business Award. The Energy Department's Small Business Awards program was established to recognize outstanding performance by DOE and its contractors on an annual basis.

"The Small Business Award recipients have demonstrated exemplary performance in fostering small business participation at both the prime and subcontract levels with the department and its facility management contractors," explained Secretary Abraham.

Of the several different categories of Small Business Awards presented by DOE, WSRC has the honor of receiving the Mentor-Protégé Team Award – for being the mentor of the most significant Mentor-Protégé team. WSRC received a Secretarial plaque for their dedication and high achievement in the area.

The award was presented in recognition of WSRC's work with Integrated Water Resources, Inc. The WSRC and IWR team has successfully completed two environmental remediation contracts, and is presently working together on a third multi-year contract executed in July of 2003. IWR holds a nationwide license for a patented environmental remediation technology toolbox, developed with DOE funding at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, called Dynamic Underground Stripping/Hydrous Pyrolysis Oxidation ("DUS/HPO"). This suite of innovative technologies uses subsurface steam injection to rapidly mobilize and remove contaminants.

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IWR won an initial design-build-operate contract with WSRC for deployment of these technologies at SRS in 1999, and the project achieved contract criteria for success several months ahead of schedule. This highly successful program has been well recognized for its success within the Site's Environmental Remediation accelerated program.

“This is the second consecutive Mentor Protégé Team award received by WSRC and one of their nine Protégé firms. The Department of Energy has recognized WSRC for this significant achievement four times since the program began in 1996,” stated Bob Harris, WSRC Subcontractor Support Services. “WSRC is widely recognized within the DOE complex as a leader in the Department's Small Business program.”

Secretary Abraham issued a policy on Sept. 23, 2002, to support small businesses that direct all departmental elements to examine and expand their grant and contract opportunities with the small business community. The Small Business Awards program was established in 1978 by DOE's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. For more information please visit [www.smallbusiness-outreach.doe.gov](http://www.smallbusiness-outreach.doe.gov)

WSRC and its partners operate SRS for the U.S. Department of Energy.

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