

News from the Savannah River Site

US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY • AIKEN • SC 29808

Principal Media Contact: DT Townsend
Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC
803.952.7566
dt-lawrence.townsend@srs.gov

DOE Media Contact: Monte Volk
803.952.6283
monte.volk@srs.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Partnership with Local Assets for Services Non-Profit Saves Nearly \$7 Million

AIKEN, S.C. (Dec. 6, 2016) – What does the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS) do with outdated or unneeded materials, supplies, machinery and equipment? They often work with the Savannah River Site Community Resource Organization (SRSCRO) and to date, this partnership has resulted in approximately \$7 million dollars in calculated cost avoidance for DOE.

The SRSCRO is a private, non-profit organization charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to diversify the economy of a five-county region consisting of Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell counties in South Carolina and Richmond (Augusta) and Columbia counties in Georgia.

Often, the ownership of surplus items at SRS are transferred to the SRSCRO and sold for their value as scrap materials or sold “as is” to be reused by other companies. Businesses and industry across the region and elsewhere benefit from the used equipment, materials or proceeds obtained from each SRSCRO transaction and, in the process, grow, creating new jobs for area residents.

“Simply put, the sale of these excess assets are used for our regional economic and workforce related programs, which in turn, empowers and fuels local economies,” said Rick McLeod, Executive Director, SRSCRO. “Items of value originally paid for by taxpayer dollars are being reutilized to benefit the entire region.”

McLeod explained that the SRSCRO is especially interested in creating an environment attractive to technology-based startups, business expansions and new ventures.



SRNS personnel assist Savannah River Site Community Resource Organization (SRSCRO) employees transfer oil from spare electrical power transformers at SRS to a tanker truck. Businesses and industry across the region and elsewhere benefit from the used equipment, materials or proceeds obtained from each SRSCRO transaction and, in the process, grow, creating new jobs for area residents.

“We’ve had some pretty interesting acquisitions from SRS over the years including a fire engine, a locomotive and over ten miles of railroad track,” said McLeod.

SRNS is continuing to work with McLeod on the “assets for services” program to remove and dispose of dozens of aged trailers formerly used as temporary offices at SRS. This program involves SRSCRO removing the trailers at no cost to U.S. taxpayers and in return receiving assets such as transformers from a now closed power plant within the site’s D Area.

Normal disposal costs for a single trailer at SRS have been as high as \$45,000 over recent years. “The time and manpower needed to safely and efficiently remove utilities, uninstall support infrastructure, demolish and transport a trailer to a landfill is costly,” said Andy Albenesius, SRNS Site Services Program Manager. To date, SRSCRO has either demolished or removed 22 trailers with another 16 in the queue for early 2017.

More recently, partnering with SRNS and the SRSCRO, DOE donated two large metal platforms to the Aiken Department of Public Safety (ADPS) training program.

“The platforms obtained from DOE through Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and the Savannah River Site Community Resource Organization are a highly valued edition to our extensive training program,” said Captain Brian Brazier, Fire Division, Aiken Department of Public Safety. “They will help ensure we are fully prepared to aid those in need when a rescue occurs involving a confined space.”

The SRSCRO is governed by a 22-member Board of Directors appointed by local governments, chambers of commerce, and members of the South Carolina and Georgia Congressional Delegations.

It was originally created as the Savannah River Regional Diversification Initiative in 1993 to promote economic development by addressing changes at the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site resulting from downsizing at the end of the Cold War.

“The current program recently received the 2016 DOE Energy Sustainability Award, which shows the partnership is working. We’re greatly looking forward to working with SRNS and the Department of Energy on future initiatives,” said McLeod.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

Visit us on the web at www.savannahrivernuclearsolutions.com

SRNS- 2016 – 531