



COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION

*two states, one future*

**PRESENTATION TO THE  
SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD  
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# Purpose

- To fulfill a 2015 Strategic & Legacy Management Committee Work Plan topic by providing an overview of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization.



# Where did Community Reuse Organizations come from?

- Section 3161 of the Defense Authorization Act of 1993 initiated the creation of “Community Reuse Organizations” across the US in response to the negative social and economic impacts of workforce restructuring
- DOE made a commitment to provide financial assistance for economic development and site reuse activities developed by the affected communities
- 15 CROs were formed across the US

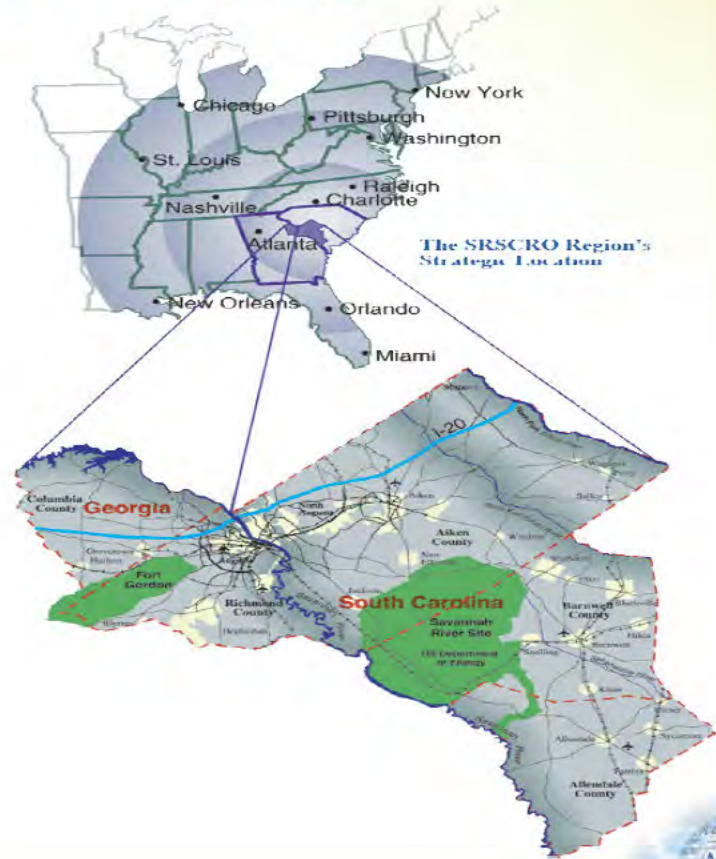


# SRS Headcount & WFR Terminations



## A Regional Focus

- **Board = 22 members  
(11 from each state)**
- **Five Counties, Two States**
- **Designated by DOE-SR as  
the CRO for SRS**
- **Private Non-Profit 501  
(c) 3**
- **Funding – Non-Federal  
Operating Dollars**





# Focus Areas

- **Economic Development**

- Asset Revitalization

- **Workforce**

- Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI®)

- **Community Voice**

- SRS
- MOX



# Excess Assets



# Real Estate License Agreement

- Use designated space within, or around, certain Government- owned facilities at SRS
- Grants permission to use designated structures, together with ingress and egress, for purposes of preparing and removing such real property structures, installed equipment and/or related personal property for transfer to SRSCRO as personal property





# Asset for Services Projects



# Asset Transition Program Net Income and Program Investments 2008 through 2014



# SRSCRO Program Investments

- **Infrastructure Improvement Account** – “One-Time” Disbursement of \$1 million in 2014 (\$200,000 per County) to SRSCRO recognized Economic Development Entity in each County.
  - Allendale - Pointe Salkehatchie Industrial Park
  - Columbia – GIW Industries Expansion
  - Aiken - Sage Mill Industrial Park
  - Barnwell - SC Advanced Technology Park
  - Richmond/Augusta – Unisys Discovery Plaza
- **Economic Development Account** - \$50,000 per SRSCRO County per year (\$250,000 total – per year) to SRSCRO recognized Economic Development Entity in each County. Such funds must be leveraged or matched 50/50.
  - Allendale - Pointe Salkehatchie Industrial Park
  - Columbia – Various DACC Initiatives
  - Aiken – North Augusta Chamber’s Lifestyle Guide & Membership Directory
  - Richmond/Augusta – Tech Net 2014

# SRSCRO Program Investments

- **Workforce Education and Training Account**
  - SRSCRO sponsored initiatives in workforce education and training, such as the Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI®) and SRS Economic Impact Study & Regional Workforce Study.
- **Staff Support and Community Issues Account**
  - Whitepapers, Studies, and Reports and (i.e., SRS Infrastructure Needs, SRS Economic Impact Study);
  - Public Forums and Community Exchanges (i.e., SRS Budget Forum, ECA Peer Exchange);
  - Meetings (i.e., Local, State and Federal level meetings on SRS community issues).
- **Asset Revitalization and SRS Reindustrialization Account**
  - SRSCRO financial resources on self-performed asset removal projects and potential reindustrialization efforts.





**SRS**  
COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION  
3000 Station, 2nd. Station

# Challenges NWI® Addresses

- Timely education & training programs
- Nuclear industry perceptions
- Misconceptions about nuclear jobs
- STEM workforce competition
- Maintaining workforce focus in changing budget & schedule environments



# Collaboration to Advance Nuclear Skills Regionally (ANSR) \$4.8 M DOE Grant First Five Years

<b>Aiken Technical College</b>	Nuclear Quality System (NQS) Associate Degree Advanced Nuclear Welding
<b>Augusta Technical College</b>	Chemical Technology Associate Degree Nuclear Career Advisement Program
<b>Georgia Regents University Augusta</b>	Nuclear Science Tracks in Chemistry and Physics Degree Programs
<b>University of SC Aiken</b>	Environmental Remediation and Restoration Specialized Biology Degree
<b>University of SC Salkehatchie</b>	Expansion of STEM Coursework for Region
<b>SRSCRO</b>	Promotion of Regional Nuclear Science Programs, Grant Management



# ANSR Grant Highlights

- **\$4.8 M** Seed Funding from DOE
- **\$4.6 M** College Investment and Leverage
- **5** New Degree Programs
- **604** Students Enrolled
- **3200** Students in STEM K-12 programs
- **152** Graduates to date
- **85%** Employed
- **7%** Continuing Education





# National Nuclear Science Week

## October 19-23, 2015

Looking for a **Bright Career Path?**  
Local jobs are in the Nuclear Industry.

CELEBRATING **Nuclear Science Week** 10.19-23.15

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT IN A NUCLEAR CAREER?

A WELL-PAYING JOB

The ability to contribute to society through

Energy  
Medicine  
National Security  
Research & Development  
Environmental Management

The opportunity to work in an innovative, high-tech industry

Exciting opportunities for professional growth and advancement

HOW DO I PLUG IN?

Local high-tech training opportunities are plentiful!

Training programs are offered at five area educational institutions.

- Alken Technical College
- Augusta Technical College
- Georgia Regents University
- University of South Carolina Aiken
- University of South Carolina Salkehatchie

- **Education Days** - GRU, USCA, USC Salkehatchie
- **Site Tours** - SRS, Plant Vogtle, V.C. Summer
- **STEM Career Connections** – Interactive Forum for Students/Teachers/STEM Employers
- **Posters** in 8 school districts

[www.nwinitiative.org](http://www.nwinitiative.org)

# Nuclear In Action!

- Public Involvement Program
- Introduces Nuclear Technology through Art
- Community Involvement Fund (CIF) Grant - \$11,000
- SRSCRO Partnered with Nuclear Literacy Project & CNTA
- 280 Student Participants from SRSCRO Region



<http://nuclearinaction.weebly.com/about.html>



# 2015 Regional Workforce Study

Nuclear · Cyber · Medical · Manufacturing



- Estimated 37,000 openings in the next 5 years - 80% of these are replacements
- Students in the region are not choosing education programs that match the high demand occupations
- Recruiting talent from other areas of the country is difficult
- <http://www.srscro.org/community-issues/>

# Community Voice

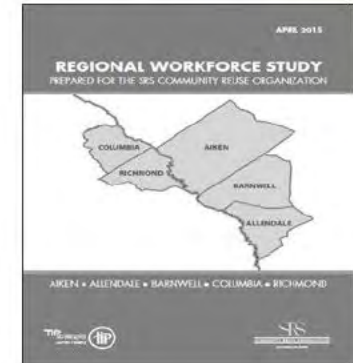
*SRS Budget Forum*



*Secretary Moniz Reception*



*SRSCRO Regional Workforce Study*





# SRSCRO Tool Box

- Access to Regional Community Leaders
- SRS Asset Reutilization
- Convener for Consensus Building
- Potential Grant and Funding Partner
- Educating Federal, State, and Local Government Officials
- Liaison to Regional Economic Development Groups
- Workforce Education Collaboration
- Public Community Voice





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