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SRNS Economically Powers Local Communities

AIKEN, S.C. – (March 22, 2019) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), the management and operations contractor at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS), has made economic development across local communities a top priority. Over the past three years, SRNS has spent more than \$213M with local area businesses and contracted with 108 new small businesses in the five-county region of Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale counties in South Carolina and Columbia and Richmond counties in Georgia.

“As our missions evolve onsite, we recognize the importance of growing and developing our suppliers as well as attracting new suppliers. This in turn will create an economic boost to our local communities by bringing in money to our municipalities and education system and providing additional jobs,” said Jay Johnson, Director, SRNS Procurement.

According to Aiken Chamber of Commerce President & Chief Executive Officer J. David Jameson, the Savannah River Site drives the economy of this region. “Year after year there has been a stable workforce and for every job created on the site, additional jobs are created in the region. The site and its employees help to shape the community’s education system, housing needs, amenities, and quality of place” he said.

In an effort to attract local suppliers and connect them with SRNS as well as Savannah River Remediation and other contractors across the DOE Complex, SRNS hosted three procurement conferences in 2018. These events were co-hosted with the Energy, Technology and Environmental Business Association; the Carolinas-Virginia



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Supplier KAMO Manufacturing Company was the 2018 recipient of the DOE Small Business of the Year Award. KAMO President (left), Harris Weinstein, and CEO, Jack Weinstein, were presented the Award at the 2018 DOE Small Business Forum by Jim Green (right), Lead, Veterans Small Business Specialist from DOE-HQ.

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Minority Supplier Development Council; and the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council. The next series of procurement conferences will be held in June, July and September.

In addition to the three local procurement conferences, SRNS hosted DOE's 2018 Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Conference, which gave local veteran-owned companies opportunities in both the region and across the Complex.

Additional support for local business comes through SRNS' community support program. Company leadership sits on various community boards and panels to encourage and stimulate growth and development of local small businesses. This program includes SRNS participation in events with the Service Corps of Retired Executives, North Augusta Chamber of Commerce, Aiken Chamber of Commerce and Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce. Through these organizations, SRNS mentors and engages local businesses regarding topics such as working on the Savannah River Site as well as general business development best practices.

An example of SRNS' commitment to local suppliers and economic development is KAMO Manufacturing Company. KAMO Manufacturing Company, a 72-year old family-owned business located in Augusta, Georgia providing sustainable janitorial supplies onsite, is a SRNS supplier whose mentorship and development has been a local success story.

"Not only is KAMO Manufacturing a long-time supporter of SRS, but rather than turning a higher profit, they have exhibited a selfless approach to business by informing us of how to save over \$1M and how we can create less waste. KAMO exemplifies the qualities we are looking for in all our suppliers. We don't want just a supplier, we want someone who will partner with us," said SRNS Procurement Director Jay Johnson.

At the 2018 DOE Small Business Forum, KAMO received the Small Business of the Year award for being good stewards of taxpayer dollars and for their contributions toward the continuous improvement of SRS.

"As a local family run business, the opportunity to work at the Savannah River Site has given us the ability to completely change the dynamic of our business. We have been able to hire more staff and invest in ourselves at a level we would not have been able to otherwise. We are beginning our ninth year onsite and our experiences with SRS have helped to put our company at a different level. I would recommend to other small businesses interested in working onsite to go above and beyond, be better than anyone else. It is important how you respond to requests and how you handle the work," said KAMO President Harris Weinstein.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor-led company with Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, is 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.

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