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Growing Small Business Mentor-Protégé Programs at SRS Supports DOE Missions

Economic impact gained through investing in small local businesses

AIKEN, S.C., January 31, 2020 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) is sharing knowledge and experience with small business mentor-protégé programs throughout the Department of Energy (DOE) complex while steadily increasing small business participation at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

Since its inception in 2016, the SRNS Mentor-Protégé Program grew from three to six protégé companies with increased spending from \$415,000 to \$15 million.

“Mentor-protégé programs are a tremendous asset for small businesses and participating DOE contractors, providing valuable insight to ensure success at the site and complex level,” said Alex Agyemang, SRNS Small Business Liaison Officer.

“Pouring into these small and often new companies, teaching them best practices and showing them how to provide-high value products and services to support our various missions greatly helps all involved.”



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Facility Manager Cheryl Parrow monitors the relamping of an SRS administrative facility by SRNS mentor-protégé company US&S, Josh Miller (center) and Matthew Bradham inspect a new fixture.

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In addition, Agyemang noted that choosing to support local small businesses has a significant economic “ripple effect” within the communities surrounding SRS.

Mentor-protégé companies awarded contracts at SRS often hire local residents and frequently satisfy a large percentage of their procurement needs using nearby commercial vendors.

According to Agyemang, recent economic impact studies have shown for every dollar SRS organizations spend, it returns two dollars to the five counties surrounding SRS.

“The impact on local economies can be impressive,” added Agyemang. “One of our local mentor-protégé companies based in North Augusta, UDR Consulting, has thrived within this business model. In fact, they recently expanded, having obtained a similar contract at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Santa Fe, New Mexico.”

As each mentor-protégé receives their Mentor-Protégé Agreement, they can obtain subcontracts to conduct similar work at other DOE sites. The agreement serves to significantly simplify the procurement process, saving countless federal procurement dollars through streamlined purchasing methods. “It quickly becomes a synergistic and highly cost-effective process for all involved,” he said.

Mentor-Protégé programs are designed to motivate and encourage large business prime contractor firms to provide mutually beneficial developmental assistance to small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business concerns.

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