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Daycare for SRS Children

AIKEN, S.C., August 2, 2022 – The Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) recently issued a Request for Information (RFI) for a turn-key design, build and operation of a childcare facility located in close proximity to the Savannah River Site (SRS). The RFI was sent to both nationally recognized and local vendors. Current plans are for the SRSCRO to purchase property from Aiken County near New Ellenton, South Carolina for the facility and donate the land to the selected vendor.

The next step in the selection process includes an oral presentation from each vendor and then, based upon the qualifications presented, a more formal Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued.

Site employees have long been seeking childcare services conveniently located near the SRS perimeter. Neighboring areas offer limited resources for childcare services, leaving employees juggling career aspirations and family responsibilities.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), the Site's management and operations contractor, sponsored and facilitated the initiative. An SRNS employee-led group researched commercial entities, benchmarked early childhood learning programs and collected information which determined the strong need for a childcare facility. SRS contractors unanimously endorsed the prospect of having a commercial facility located near, but not within the Site boundary.

With sitewide support, SRNS facilitated conversations between Aiken County and SRSCRO. Aiken County has agreed to consider the real estate transaction for SRSCRO's land dedication request, with the agreement that SRSCRO would facilitate the proposal process and help determine the winning bid.

"Without SRNS' determination and enthusiastic support, this initiative may not have materialized," said Rick McLeod, SRSCRO President and CEO. "I hope this project will lead to a highly appreciated benefit for many parents at SRS and the surrounding communities."

Covering the five counties of Richmond and Columbia in Georgia, and Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell in South Carolina, SRSCRO serves as the community interface organization for Department of Energy-Savannah River (DOE-SR), with respect to DOE supported area economic development initiatives.

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 located near Aiken, South Carolina.



The Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization is seeking proposals from commercial childcare vendors for a two-acre parcel located adjacent to the Savannah River Site (SRS), which will benefit many SRS families.