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Jeff Griffin
SRNS President and CEO

On the cover

At the Intern Showcase and Farewell event, interns and Site personnel discuss the value of working together to solve issues.

Welcome

to the August 2026 edition of

SRNS Today

As summer ends, SRNS employees continue to highlight their dedication to accelerating our vital missions, while mentoring and training the next generation of workers.

This August, we said goodbye to our latest cohort of summer interns following their impressive showing at the Internship Showcase event. Presenting interns from across 10 organizations displayed 18 unique projects, highlighting their work to their colleagues.

SRNS personnel in L Area launched a pilot program in support of continuous improvement efforts to enhance hazardous energy control practices. By providing individuals with the proper training, the program ensures that personnel may execute lockouts independently.

SRS hosted the Energy, Technology and Environmental Business Association Savannah River Federal Business Opportunities Forum in North Augusta, leading discussions on procurement needs at SRS and sponsoring an interactive Supplier Relationship Management Workshop. Additionally, the first piece of equipment, an electrical transformer, for the HFTOC was delivered nearly 72 weeks ahead of schedule.

Finally, NNSA recently announced that Michael Mikolanis, who has served as the Manager of Savannah River Field Office since March 2024, will be taking a new position as Manager of the Los Alamos Field Office. He was integral in helping transition the Site landlord to NNSA and has a wealth of experience and operational leadership that will be missed. Tim Fischer, who has served as Deputy Manager, will serve as Acting Manager until a new manager is selected. Please join me in expressing a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to Michael and welcoming Tim into his new role.



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Expanding supplier opportunities at ETEBA



Jeff Griffin speaks at a recent two-day forum that taught local and national businesses about the procurement needs found at SRS. The panel also includes: Lee Schifer, SRNS Senior Vice President and Deputy Chief Operations Officer; and Freddie Grimm, SRNS Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning and Integration.

SRS leadership recently partnered with the Energy, Technology and Environmental Business Association (ETEBA) to host the Savannah River Federal Business Opportunities Forum, a two-day event held in North Augusta, South Carolina, focused on advancing federal missions and strengthening the industrial supply base needed to execute them.

SRNS, the event's premier sponsor, helped businesses from multiple states better understand the diverse and often complex procurement needs that drive the NNSA and DOE-EM missions. More than 400 participants attended the eighth annual forum, the largest turnout since moving to the Southeast.

"SRNS supports the ETEBA forum each year to bring together federal agencies, prime contractors and our supply base for a meaningful exchange of ideas and business opportunities," said Jeff Griffin. "It is an incredible time to do business with SRNS and contribute to our missions of national importance."

The SRNS panel discussion provided suppliers with insights into current needs, emerging requirements and major infrastructure upgrades underway at SRS. Speakers from NNSA Savannah River Field Office (NA-SRFO), Savannah River Operations Office, the Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM), DOE-EM Consolidated Business Center and leaders from SRNS, Battelle Savannah River Alliance, Savannah River National Laboratory and Savannah River Mission Completion outlined significant opportunities across the DOE complex.

"SRS is undergoing some of the most significant infrastructure and capability improvements in its history that underscore the Site's critical role within the NSE," said Michael Mikolanis,

NA-SRFO Manager. "These investments position SRS, NNSA and our industry partners to meet national security needs for decades to come. Forums like ETEBA are essential to this progress, creating the space for suppliers to engage directly, understand evolving requirements and bring forward the innovation needed to support our missions."

The event concluded with the SRNS-sponsored Supplier Relationship Management Workshop, an interactive session that brought together more than 75 suppliers to strengthen engagement and enhance alignment among SRNS leadership, procurement professionals and prospective subcontractors.



Grimm emphasizes the national security needs "right in our backyard" and upcoming construction opportunities that support these needs.

MTC team completes first Final Training Object

In the SRNS Manufacturing Technology Center (MTC), PPOP personnel recently completed the first-ever Final Training Object (FTO), marking a significant milestone for the facility and supporting teams.

Fabrication of the FTO enhances manufacturing competency by requiring the use of multiple pieces of equipment within the MTC. The process involves production of a set of eight initial components, each contributing to the development of skills across various work groups, including Operations, Product Engineering, Process Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Production Control, Weapon Quality and Maintenance.

FTO completion required the team to employ diverse equipment and apply advanced machining and assembly techniques, as the eight components are combined into subassemblies that conclude in a Final Assembly, which demonstrates proficiency in multiple areas. The process is considered complete when the FTO has been successfully manufactured, assembled and measured to precise specifications.

“Our team completed this milestone—a first for the PPOP organization—within 23 months of the MTC’s official opening,” said Patrick Schneider, PPOP Production Operations Director. “Within that period, the FTO was conceived, designed and manufactured by PPOP personnel. Even more impressive is that the achievement took place while the MTC was being stood up as a brand-new facility, in parallel with equipment installation and testing, operator training and procedure development. This achievement illustrates cross-collaboration among many organizations, in addition to fulfilling the MTC’s mission of competency development in multiple disciplines.”

The MTC is repurposed space within the Site’s main training facility featuring machining, welding, assembling and inspection rooms utilizing modern manufacturing equipment. The facility



PPOP team members include SRNS’ Courtney Wright, Zane Vanover, Aaron Hubble, Andrew Walczak, Tamaral Bussey, Ben Myers, Anna Lee, Kevin Holley, Craig Clark and Frank McDermott.

teaches critical skills in a non-nuclear environment and develops competencies in machining operations essential to the success of SRPPF pit production. It also allows early process and procedure integration in advance of the HFTOC, a prototyping and training center that is laying the groundwork for acceleration toward future SRPPF operations.

“Congratulations to the team for their dedication and outstanding contributions to NNSA’s defense program missions,” said Lee Sims, SRNS Senior Vice President Plutonium Operations and Programs. “Achieving this milestone in the MTC reflects the team’s exceptional sense of urgency, collaboration and flexibility across the entire PPOP organization, reinforcing our commitment to supporting SRS pit production missions.”

New Northwest parking lots complete, F Area road widening begins

The SRPPF Project team reached a Construction Management subcontractor milestone on target for the mechanical completion of the new Northwest Parking Lots 1 and 2.

These parking lots provide approximately 600 new parking spots to support near-term needs of the construction workforce in F Area and in the future for the personnel that will operate SRPPF.

Establishing the Northwest parking lots included mass grading, asphalt paving, installing stormwater structures, establishing area lighting and constructing stairs and a walkway directly to the future personnel Entry Control Facility.

The expanded parking is part of the project’s roads and parking improvements site preparation scope that also includes road widening activities in progress in F Area. The road improvement scope is forecast for completion in September 2026.



F Area road widening

Northwest parking lots



SRTE interns present an interactive element with virtual reality headsets.

LOVING WHAT YOU DO

Interns showcase 12 weeks of professional growth

SRNS INTERNS wrapped 12 weeks of hard work, learning and team building at the Intern Showcase and Farewell event. This event celebrated the professional growth and achievements that the interns made in 10 different organizations through 18 stations representing each of their unique projects.

Presenting interns were proud to represent not only their organizations but the professional growth they experienced over the course of the internship.

James Young, Packaging and Transportation Services Intern, stated that one of the greatest takeaways from the internship experience was that he was never alone while on the job. Mentors and team members always helped him learn and get his work done on time or earlier.

"I worked specifically with the Material Transportation Representatives in the warehouses of N Area. When you work with people who love what they do just as much as you do, you have a great time working for excellence," Young said.

SRNS Data Integration Interns Mallory Richardson, Hannah Evans and Hadley Bottorff presented their project together. Their core takeaways from the program echoed many sentiments other interns shared, from understanding post-graduate expectations at work to instilling a sense of confidence in themselves and the importance of building a professional network. Many interns such

as Bottorff felt the internship provided a meaningful experience and an investment in their future career.

"Presenting at the intern showcase really was a confidence booster for me. It made me feel like we worked on something impactful over the internship, and seeing people excited about their work helped," said Bottorff. "This internship prepares you for the future."

Internship Program Manager Felicia Hartzog believes that the program continues to grow each year, and that this cohort has brought even more talent to the table.

"We had an amazing cohort of interns this year that were really engaged and displayed a lot of talents," Hartzog said. "They really showed up to the outreach and networking events throughout the program, showing the impact they make not only at SRNS but for our community partners."

Talent Acquisition Manager Angela Martin stated that the program sees continued success as an arm of the larger workforce pipeline effort dedicated to training and retaining new hires.

"Year after year, the internship program continues to be our most robust pipeline for early career hiring. Through our university partnerships, local outreach, the SRS Apprenticeship School and the SRNS Internship Program, SRNS leadership and hiring professionals seek to modernize the workforce to support future successes," Martin said.



Leaders in historic preservation and science museums gather inside the Slotin Building at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Preserving the past, powering the future

The SRS Historic Preservation Program recently traveled to Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to ensure lessons of the past inform SRS' modernization and support for the nation's urgent needs.

During the visit, the SRS team met with LANL's Historic Preservation staff, toured the National Security Research Center's digital collections and explored Sandia National Laboratory's National Technology Gallery and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's Nuclear Weapons Instructional Museum at Kirtland Air Force Base. The groups discussed best practices in preservation, digitization, knowledge transfer and the challenges of handling classified historic collections.

At LANL, the team saw how history actively supports current researchers and decision makers. Capturing institutional memory—especially as new employees enter the workforce—was a key theme. LANL's digitization and knowledge management ensure critical documents and photographs are preserved, and even the skills of retiring staff are made accessible.

The benchmarking trip highlighted practical steps SRS can take to strengthen its own efforts. With over 400,000 historic photo negatives and growing demand for archival materials, the SRS program sees how history supports daily operations and decisions. The team observed how LANL and other sites document and archive information in real time, ensuring compliance with national historic preservation policies and supporting operational excellence.

Beyond technical aspects, visits to Sandia National Laboratories underscored the value of history for education. At the Defense Threat Reduction Agency's museum, the SRS team saw how artifacts and stories train and motivate the next generation, connecting the legacy of nuclear deterrence to today's mission.

As SRS evolves, the Historic Preservation Program's commitment to capturing and sharing the Site's heritage will ensure the wisdom and experience of the past empower today and tomorrow's workforce. By preserving nuclear heritage and making knowledge accessible, SRS honors its legacy and strengthens its role in supporting the nation's defense—now and in the future.

HEC pilot elevates safety standards

Demonstrating a strong commitment to worker safety and continuous improvement, SRNS recently launched an innovative pilot program to enhance hazardous energy control (HEC) practices at SRS. The program, led by the Site's L Area, aims to ensure personnel have the proper skills and qualifications to safely manage hazardous energy, with a focus on practical training and standardized procedures to improve safety throughout the Site.

Hazardous energy poses significant risks during equipment operation or maintenance. To protect workers from injuries or fatalities caused by accidental energy release, multiple groups have strengthened HEC procedures and ensured only qualified individuals perform these tasks.

The pilot program's initial objective was to ensure that personnel possessed the knowledge and skillset to execute lockouts independently. While a sitewide implementation was considered, L Area volunteered to pilot the program, focusing on developing a universal approach that could be adapted to other facilities.

The L Area Training Department developed a qualification card and prepared mock-up areas for hands-on training. Evaluators received specialized training, lockout orders were created, and comprehensive instruction—including HEC refresher and delta training—was delivered. Personnel demonstrated proficiency through interviews and mock-up exercises, showing a thorough understanding of HEC procedures.

After the pilot ended, trainers conducted a post-job review to evaluate strengths and weaknesses. The review resulted in recommendations for sitewide adoption, due to the pilot's effectiveness. If broader rollout is not feasible, key actions were identified to strengthen HEC wherever possible.

Pilot results were presented to leadership teams, sparking discussion about future direction. Based on these discussions, a decision was made to implement a tiered HEC qualification system, modeled after the L Area pilot. This new system will provide specific training and qualifications tailored to each role. The pilot has clearly demonstrated the benefits of improved training and qualification in HEC.

By taking these proactive steps, L Area has set a positive example for the rest of the Site in protecting workers and continuously advancing safety standards.



As part of the HEC pilot program, workers practice safe lockout procedures.



Angela Martin

AT SRNS: Talent Acquisition Manager

IN THE COMMUNITY: GLOBE (management sponsor, Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce (Board of Directors member), Hull College of Business at Augusta University (Dean's Executive Council member), Annual Heart Walk (participant for 25 years)

THE PEOPLE OF SRNS

With nearly four decades of leadership experience and commitment to the evolving missions at the Site, Angela Martin's career has had a lasting impact on current and future generations of SRS employees.

As Talent Acquisition Manager, Martin provides experienced leadership and governance across the SRNS Talent Acquisition operations, onboarding programs and workforce pipelines that support mission-critical, highly skilled roles. Previously, Martin served as Human Resources Operations Manager for the NNSA Pit Production Mission.

Martin's favorite parts of working at SRNS are building relationships across the complex and embracing new missions. She enjoys partnering with diverse teams and creating opportunities for the community alongside Talent Acquisition personnel.

Outside of work, Martin is an active participant in her community, and her commitment to service is evident. She is currently a management sponsor for GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment) and previously served as president of SRS Women in Nuclear (WIN). She also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Dean's Executive Council for Augusta University's Hull College of Business and has participated in the annual Heart Walk for the past 25 years.

A Georgia native, Martin was born in Augusta but now resides in Evans. She enjoys the outdoors, walking along the canal with her labradoodle Maui, playing pickleball and hopes to get back to running. When she's not outdoors, Martin enjoys watching documentaries and appreciates her quiet time. "I'm an introvert who pretends to be an extrovert," she adds.

First piece of equipment for HFTOC delivered

The first piece of equipment for the HFTOC was delivered to the SRPPF Project worksite nearly 72 weeks ahead of schedule.

This first delivered piece of equipment for the HFTOC—an electrical transformer—arrived on-site in March and was placed into a warehouse for storage until its installation.

The SRPPF Project team is implementing a commercialization strategy for HFTOC by using commercial processes to accelerate transforming the existing structure into a modern prototyping and training facility for the NNSA's plutonium pit production mission.

"This equipment, typically called medium voltage electrical equipment, has been very hard to obtain for the past few years due to equipment shortages and high demand, especially from data centers," said Brian Pool, HFTOC Project Director, SRPPF Project Execution.



FEATURE FRIDAY

The following employees were highlighted as part of the SRNS Feature Friday series on social media.



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Laura Russo
Site
Photographer



Melissa Brandt
Lead Compensation
Consultant



Rozzie Ott
Occupational Health
Staff Nurse



Angela Martin
Talent Acquisition
Manager

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Supplying products and services necessary
to maintain the nation's nuclear deterrent

Securing nuclear materials to prevent
unwanted proliferation

Developing innovative approaches to deliver
on our environmental commitments and
nuclear materials challenges

Transforming nuclear materials into assets
and stable wasteforms



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