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Savannah River Site Buildings Dismantled, Donated to Local Community Reuse Organization

Aiken, S.C., September 30, 2020 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) is working with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) to dismantle six unneeded buildings for resale. Proceeds will help SRSCRO support economic and workforce development activities throughout the region.

The metal buildings were built in the early 1990s but are no longer needed to meet DOE missions. They were previously used to store materials for a now closed coal-fired powerhouse at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

According to SRNS Manager Andrew Albenesius, multiple organizations will benefit from this agreement with SRSCRO. “SRNS is avoiding costs associated with the decommissioning and demolition of each structure, saving nearly \$2 million dollars. From a reuse perspective, businesses can purchase and re-assemble these buildings for a fraction of what a new building would cost and use that savings to purchase machinery, tools and hire employees.

“The partnership between DOE-Savannah River, SRSCRO and



Subcontractor employees managed by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions work to dismantle one of six Savannah River Site buildings that will be donated to an organization created to support economic development initiatives throughout the region.

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SRNS has avoided approximately \$12 million dollars of cost over the past six to seven years while reducing the site footprint and supporting economic development in the surrounding communities. It's a win for everyone involved," said Albenesius.

Rick McLeod, SRSCRO President and CEO, explained that over the past five years alone, the SRSCRO has invested more than \$4.5 million in regional programs, such as Career Connection Forums (a STEM event), regional industrial park expenditures, SRS Economic Impact and Regional Workforce Studies and support for local economic recruitment efforts. "A large percentage of these funds come from the sale of SRS surplus items. In addition, as fiscal agent and manager for a DOE workforce grant, the SRSCRO has secured and provided over \$6 million dollars to our five local colleges and university partners."

McLeod stated that his organization has been fortunate to have excellent partners in Bolin Marketing Group (BMG), a company that brings significant expertise and networking in the surplus/salvage business. "The SRSCRO and BMG have been a successful team at SRS for over 15 years," he added.

Established by Congress in 1993, SRSCRO's region of responsibility covers the counties of Richmond and Columbia in Georgia, and Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell in South Carolina. SRSCRO serves as the community interface for DOE-Savannah River regarding DOE-supported 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, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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