



COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION

two states, one future



Ensuring a Skilled Workforce
For the Nuclear Renaissance

The CSRE Needs a Local Response

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Milestone Anniversary Brings Year of Progress

About SRSCRO

As the U. S. Department of Energy's designated Community Reuse Organization (CRO), the SRSCRO is a 501 (C) (3) private non-profit organization. SRSCRO is charged with developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to diversify the economy of the five-county SRSCRO region in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) of Georgia and South Carolina.

SRSCRO is governed by a 22-member Board of Directors composed of business, government and academic leaders from Georgia and South Carolina. Initially, its mission was to develop and implement a regional economic development plan utilizing technology-based facilities at the Savannah River Site. Today, SRSCRO remains focused on diversifying the region's economy by supporting new business ventures that create new jobs in the region.

Located in the rapidly growing southeast, the region includes Richmond and Columbia Counties in Georgia and Aiken, Allendale, and Barnwell Counties in South Carolina.



The SRS Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2008. From its founding as SRRDI in 1993 in the midst of dramatic downsizing of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site through the opening decade of the 21st Century, SRSCRO has worked tirelessly to help diversify the economy of our five-county, two-state region.

It has been my privilege to be involved with this group from the beginning. I believe I can say without fear of contradiction that 2008 was one of our most progressive years to date.

I am happy to report that the SRSCRO's financial health is strong and continues to improve. Revenue from the Asset Transition Program and our loans and investments grew during the year. The SRSCRO's net assets equal approximately \$3 million.

Other highlights include:

- Recruiting and hiring a new full-time Executive Director after a national search;
- Repositioning the Asset Transition Program to generate more revenue from the sale of surplus equipment from the Savannah River Site and to make the equipment more central to economic development success;
- Significant progress in negotiating a Land Use agreement with the Department of Energy which promises to increase job creation opportunities by making SRS land available for appropriate private sector initiatives;
- Increased communications and closer working relationships with members of the two-state Congressional delegation and the Department of Energy;
- Boosting public awareness of critical issues affecting our region's ability to grow and prosper through publication of position papers on topics such as the U. S. government's failure to complete Yucca Mountain as a permanent nuclear waste repository.

There's more. But these examples will serve to underscore the proactive approach SRSCRO has taken in moving our region forward.

In one sense, 15 years is a long time. In another way, it seems like only yesterday. For many of us, the pain of the post-Cold War downturn in jobs for our region's largest employer is still fresh. At SRS, cleanup continues. New missions have come, and more are envisioned. The Site is not among those marked for closure in the DOE system. We can be grateful that it is an enduring site – one that will continue to make contributions to our national defense and energy needs for years to come.

In this report, you will learn more about some of our most important activities. I trust you will be both informed and impressed. SRSCRO remains committed to making our region a great home for new job-creating ventures.

William R. Toole

W. R. (Rick) Toole

Chairman

MISSION

The mission of the SRS Community Reuse Organization is to facilitate economic development opportunities associated with Savannah River Site technology, capabilities and missions and to serve as an informed, unified community voice for the five-county, two-state region.

Asset Transition Program

Through an agreement with the department of Energy, the SRS Community Reuse Organization is the designated agency for disposal of excess material no longer needed for Savannah River Site operations. In 2008, the program returned \$542,243 to the SRSCRO.

This surplus material is first made available to organizations which create jobs or support economic development in the two-state region. Recipients may be local governments, non-profit organizations or private businesses.

Groups have 30 days after surplus material is made available to request items at very reasonable prices. After 30 days, if not claimed for economic development purposes, the material is then released to be sold to the public on the open market. Proceeds from sales are used to defray expenses in operating the program.

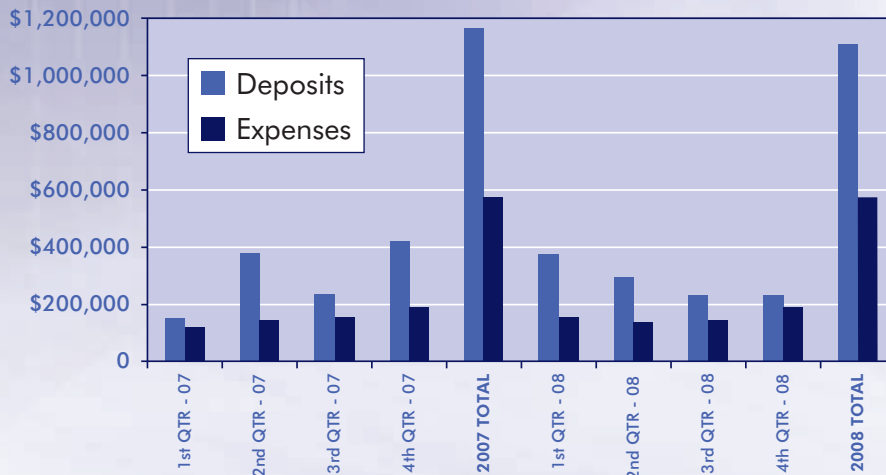
A list of available items is posted on the SRSCRO web site - www.srscro.org under the "Excess DOE Property" tab.



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ASSET TRANSITION PLAN

Quarterly Deposits - Expenses
Through End of December 2008



Chairman Rick Toole presents Von Bolin, president of Bolin Marketing Group, an incentive award check recognizing his company's surplus equipment marketing success.



During the year, the SRSCRO Board of Directors recognized individuals who have contributed to the Asset Transition Program's success. Pictured (L to R) are West Carter, WSRC; Von Bolin, Bolin Marketing Group; Ron Bielewicz, WSRC; Dave Hepner, DOE-SR; Tim Armstrong, DOE-SR; James Lovett, DOE-SR; and Rick Toole, SRSCRO Chairman.

SRSCRO Makes Loans for Economic Development



The SRSCRO Board of Directors approved loans during the year to support economic development initiatives in the region.

Southern Carolina Alliance received loans totaling \$196,200 to be used to construct a 2,500 square foot airport terminal at the Allendale County airport. In addition to the SRSCRO loan, the project also received \$168,000 from the South Carolina Aeronautical Commission.

A loan for \$196,200 was also awarded to North Augusta 2000 during the year. These funds were combined with a previous SRSCRO loan of \$500,000 to assist North Augusta 2000 in property acquisition for its Town Center development. Consisting of retail and office space, the Town Center, when completed, will represent a total investment of approximately \$40 million and create more than 100 full-time jobs.

Land Use Agreement

T Area Before Demolition



T Area After Demolition



The Land Use agreement will eventually open unused SRS tracts to private development and job creation

During the year, SRSCRO and the Department of Energy continued joint progress toward an agreement which would provide for SRSCRO to serve as the entity through which Government-owned land at the Savannah River Site may be permitted for private use.

The agreement would establish a process that facilitates development, construction and operation of energy-related industries compatible with the Site, that support new and emerging technologies and that can benefit the SRSCRO region. The Agreement could lead to development of an Energy Park designed to support multiple private sector tenants involved in a variety of critical energy-related industrial activities centered on nuclear, hydrogen, wind, solar, and power generation as well as medical applications.

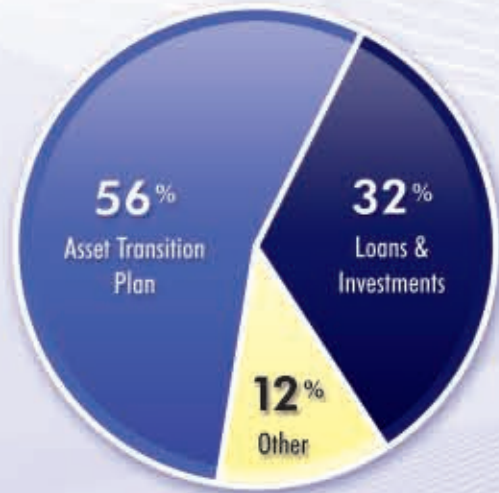
The government land allocated to the Energy Park will be leased from the Department of Energy by the SRS

Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO). The Savannah River Site is located on a 300 square mile site, but only a small portion is dedicated to government facilities. Under the Land Use agreement, SRSCRO will work with regional leaders to identify appropriate ways to use government-owned land for private, job-creating ventures – a cooperative effort considered a win/win for the government and the community.

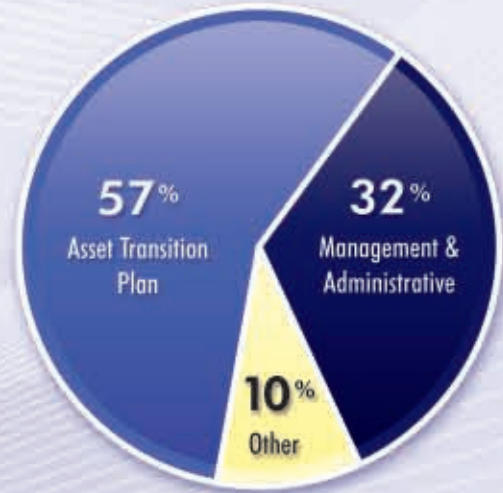
Under the proposed agreement, DOE will retain ownership of the land and will consider project proposals from the SRSCRO on a case-by-case basis. The SRSCRO will work closely with local governments and regional economic development organizations responsible for marketing the Energy Park. Acceptable tenant activities and conditions for operations are being established as part of the lease agreement currently being negotiated between DOE and the SRSCRO.

SRSCRO 2008 FINANCIAL STATUS

2008 Revenue



2008 Expenses



Summary Statements of Financial Position As of June 30, 2008 and 2007

ASSETS	2008	2007
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,058,175	\$1,611,039
Investments	701,137	6,459
Total Assets	\$2,759,312	\$1,617,498
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities	\$ 955	\$ 121,445
Net Assets	\$2,758,357	\$1,496,053
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Richard V. McLeod, a local engineer, business executive and fundraiser, was named Executive Director of the SRS Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO). McLeod assumed his duties June 9, 2008.

SRSCRO BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008

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