



COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION

two states, one future



CELEBRATING NUCLEAR SCIENCE WEEK
OCTOBER 19 - 23, 2020

GROW Your CAREER IN NUCLEAR

Nuclear Science Applications

- Environmental Management
- Food & Agriculture
- Manufacturing Process
- Medical
- National Security
- Research & Development
- Space Exploration

Nuclear Career Options

- Administrative
- Engineers
- Maintenance Technicians
- Plant Operators
- Radiation Protection Technicians
- Software Developers
- Plus More ...

Why Choose Nuclear

- Great Salary
- Excellent Benefits
- Growing Workforce
- New Technologies
- Important Work
- Make a Difference

Employability Skills Needed

- Creative Thinking
- Dependability
- Flexibility
- Motivation
- Teamwork
- Time Management

Educational Degree Options

- Advanced Diploma
- Apprenticeship
- College
- University



2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Adapting in 2020



The 2020 year is not what I had envisioned for my first year as the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) Chair. I had imagined being more actively involved in implementing the strategic direction the SRSCRO Board established right before I took the helm. This included attending face-to-face meetings with board members, SRSCRO staff and SRSCRO stakeholders.

But as they say, 2020 happened. The pandemic challenged all of us, but we did and are still adapting. The SRSCRO is no exception. Telecommuting, Zoom, and Webex have become the norm in accomplishing our work. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the SRSCRO still had several significant successful accomplishments in 2020. In this Annual Report, we are highlighting a few of these efforts.

This year, we were able to complete the SRSCRO program funding plan for the next five years. This is a significant milestone for the organization. The SRSCRO cannot by itself create jobs or generate wealth. But we do control significant resources related to financial assets and community leadership. Directing these resources effectively and efficiently is its paramount economic development duty.

This plan provides a one-time disbursement of \$125,000 for each county in the five-county SRSCRO region for infrastructure improvements through each county's respective economic development organization. In addition, there are funds designated for each county for digital and marketing projects as well as local workforce development initiatives. There are different funding and match requirements for these designated project's levels depending on the leverage and collaboration at the county and regional levels.

In addition, funds are still designated to support SRSCRO sponsored and supported initiatives in workforce education and training. Funds are provided to support SRSCRO self-performed asset removal projects and potential reindustrialization efforts as well as to assist with the preparation of whitepapers, studies and reports of interest to the region and conducting meetings at the local, state and federal level on community issues.

The strategies outlined in this plan are designed to build on the region's existing assets, while recognizing that change is an inevitable part of growth. The goal of the updated plan is to invest SRSCRO ATP funds to promote economic and workforce development while maintaining the long-term viability of the SRSCRO.

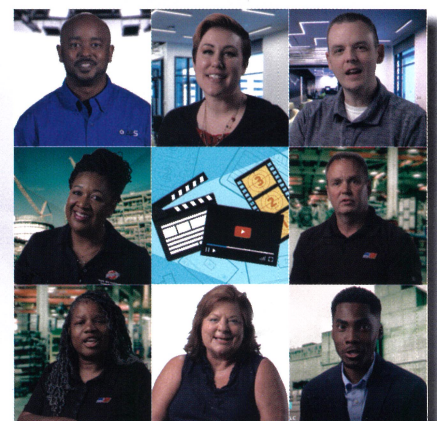
More so this year than most, I would like to thank our directors for their patience and support during this challenging year. And a special thank you to the SRSCRO staff for their commitment to our goals and hard work. We will continue to adapt and undoubtedly continue to succeed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robbie Bennett". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Robbie Bennett, Chair

STEM Initiatives Go Virtual

Virtual learning became a new reality for students during 2020 because of the pandemic. To support virtual classrooms, the SRSCRO developed a timely resource focused on local job opportunities and education pathways. The video was unveiled during October and November as the SRSCRO's 8th annual STEM Career Connections® event, complete with prizes for high school students in virtual attendance across the five-county region. With support from area employers, the video provides images and experts from inside local industries including cybersecurity, energy, medicine, nuclear and manufacturing sectors of the SRSCRO region. Attention is given to the importance of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. The 2020 STEM Career Connections® video is now available to the public on YouTube.



Rural Outreach Proves Successful

Two years have passed since the Allendale Team won the 2018 STEM Coalition Challenge. Grant development work, led by the SRSCRO, resulted in awards totaling \$100,000 for the rural Allendale, SC community - \$50,000 from US2020, a division of Citizen Schools, Incorporated and a \$50,000 match made by the SRSCRO.

Allendale, SC students have proven to be the real winners. Grant funding provided new science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs that engage students through creativity. For example, students learned to design and promote their own computer applications to solve community issues through the GoIT Challenge. Local industries and outreach groups began participating in Allendale classrooms through the newly established middle school STEM-days. Hundreds of Allendale students have participated in annual Nuclear Science Week events across the region, and new platforms for learning about educational opportunities at Denmark Technical College and USC Salkehatchie are in place.



The award also established a sustainable team of community leaders to continue work that helps prepare students for future careers. Two local organizations led the way for a STEM Collaborative in Allendale, SC – Dreams, Imagination, Gifts (DIG) Development Program and Allendale County ALIVE.

Regional Workforce Development Expands

Hundreds of students have moved into regional careers, particularly at the Savannah River Site (SRS), after receiving WORC I scholarships and earning degrees at local colleges and universities. WORC stands for Workforce Opportunities in Regional Careers, and the program is administered by the SRSCRO. Through WORC I, over 1,100 scholarships have been awarded to students that might not have considered post-secondary education without the scholarship support. WORC I also funds student retention strategies, career experiences, and promotion of education and training programs to the community.

Citizens of the SRSCRO region received a significant boost in workforce development funding on August 10, 2020 when a formal award for \$5M was made to the SRSCRO by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The new grant program is called WORC II and supports NNSA workforce development related to the proposed plutonium pit mission, the long-standing tritium mission, and the surplus plutonium disposition mission at SRS. WORC II academic partners include Aiken Technical College, Augusta Technical College, University of South Carolina Aiken, Augusta University, University of South Carolina Salkehatchie and Claflin University.

The new WORC II Program does not replace the successful \$5M WORC I Program already in place. In fact, WORC I and WORC II Programs are designed to coexist with complementary features between the two. Both programs are administered by the SRSCRO and are helping local citizens develop skills needed for local jobs.



SRSCRO Saving Taxpayer Dollars

The Office of Management & Budget (OMB) defines cost avoidances as results from an action taken in the immediate time frame that will decrease costs in the future. Cost avoidance is expenses avoided due to the implementation of certain activities. At the Department of Energy (DOE), opportunity for reduction in a future investment or expenditure resulting from decisions made through such initiatives can also be viewed as saving taxpayer funds.

The SRSCRO has been involved in two initiatives that highlight significant taxpayer savings and cost avoidance. Both activities involve an "assets for services" program. In exchange for performing certain services, the SRSCRO receives designated assets.

The most recent activity occurring this year involved the dismantlement of six metal buildings at SRS. Built in the early 1990s, these metal buildings were no longer needed for DOE missions. They had been used to store materials for a coal-fired powerhouse shut down in 2012. DOE-Savannah River estimates to avoid a nearly \$2 million cost to decommission and demolish the structures.

The taxpayer receives the benefit of these savings and the SRSCRO uses funds generated from sale of the designated assets for community advocacy programs and efforts on workforce education and training programs as noted in the Chair' letter.



MOX Surplus Assets Begins

The SRSCRO is always looking to find other funding projects that make a significant contribution toward economic development and job creation in the SRSCRO region. This year the asset donation partnership between the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and the SRSCRO presented such a venture.



Due to the termination of the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MOX), there are millions of dollars of surplus property that needs to be dispositioned. Over the next five years the NNSA will need to disposition these assets as the MOX facility is transitioned to be used to support numerous NNSA missions at Savannah River Site (SRS). The SRSCRO, as the duly recognized Community Reuse Organization (CRO) for DOE and the SRS, offered assistance in the disposition of these surplus assets to assist its region with mitigating adverse economic impacts in their communities and to support workforce development.

With the closure of MOX, the SRSCRO is partnering with NNSA to serve as a cost-efficient option for the MOX surplus items while at the same time being an advocate for the community and utilizing the potential revenue for local economic and workforce development efforts. The partnership builds on the SRSCRO proven cost avoidance advantage.



SRSCRO is holding all revenue in a separate account designated for income from MOX Surplus Assets sales. The funds are restricted for use for future SRSCRO approved economic and workforce development projects in its designated 5-county region of Columbia and Richmond counties in Georgia, and Aiken, Allendale and Barnwell counties in South Carolina. Specific program funding will be decided once significant reserve of partnership funds is generated.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2020 and 2019

ASSETS

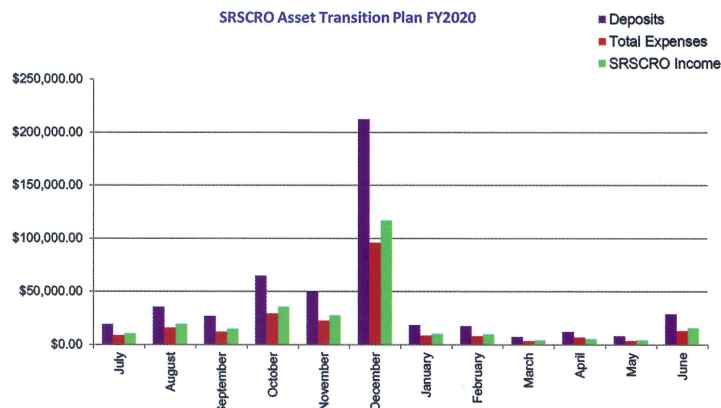
CURRENT ASSETS	2020	2019
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 473,338	\$ 354,570
Investments	\$ 5,036,904	\$ 5,920,940
Accounts Receivable	\$ 73,016	\$ 9,480
Grant Reimbursements Receivable	\$ 46,759	\$ 132,403
Inventory	\$ 123,171	\$ 98,964
Total Current Assets	\$ 5,753,188	\$ 6,516,357

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 58,644	\$ 180,974
Deferred Revenue	\$ 11,500	\$ 13,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 70,144	\$ 193,974
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$ 5,683,044	\$ 6,322,383
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 5,753,188	\$ 6,516,357

Asset Transition Program

Through an agreement with the Department of Energy, the SRS Community Reuse Organization is the designated agency for donation of excess/surplus material no longer needed for Savannah River Site operations. The SRSCRO transforms this old, unneeded equipment at SRS into dollars to be invested in worker training and economic growth through the Asset Transition Program (ATP). The equipment is liquidated at yard sale prices—pennies on the dollar—generating revenue for the SRSCRO while minimizing DOE disposition costs.



In Fiscal Year 2020, the Asset Transition Program and Asset Removal Projects returned approximately \$278,243 to the SRSCRO.

SRSCRO 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.

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Congressional Appointment*

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