

30 YEARS OF SUCCESS

A NEW CHAPTER
STARTING **NOW**



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



As my term as Chairman is drawing to a close, I reflect on the impact the SRSCRO has made on our community and region since 1993. With a 30-year history, this organization has impacted the lives of thousands of residents through education and workforce development, supported the creation of enough new jobs to nearly replace the jobs displaced by the end of the Cold War, and became a leader in the community and nation regarding key issues surrounding the nuclear industry. It has been an honor to lead this organization and help shape its future.

During my term as Chairman, we saw leadership change with the retirement of our longtime President/CEO, Rick McLeod at the end of 2022. Rick served the SRSCRO for 15 years and his contributions to the organization are significant. In 2023, a new chapter began with the hiring of long-time economic developer and past Chairman of the SRSCRO, Robbie Bennett. Already, Robbie is making his mark on the organization, and I am confident that his leadership will continue the legacy of success.

In celebration of our 30-year anniversary, we are highlighting the remarkable outcomes experienced by the SRSCRO, our community partners, and our region. Additionally, we have reimagined the SRSCRO brand with a focus on its role as a leader, convenor, and bridge for the community and the Savannah River Site.

As 2023 closes, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their guidance, the staff for their dedication, and the SRS leadership for their partnership. Our success depends on each of you. Now it is time to pass the gavel to my friend and colleague, Cal Wray, President of the Development Authority of Augusta, GA. I look forward to seeing the leadership Cal Wray provides for the SRSCRO and continuing our success of **"Cultivating Remarkable Outcomes."**

Will Williams, SCED, MEDP

President & CEO

Western SC | Economic Development Partnership



1993 Savannah River
Regional Diversification
Initiative chartered



COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION

two states, one future

2006 Name changed to SRS
Community Reuse
Organization

SRSCRO is looking to the future in **2023**



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CULTIVATING REMARKABLE OUTCOMES

THROUGH OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Economic & Community Development Investments



Industrial Parks Supported



**SC Advanced
Technology Park**
Barnwell County, SC
2,300 acres



**Augusta
Corporate Park**
Richmond County, GA
1,597 acres



**Sage Mill
Industrial Park**
Aiken County, SC
1,730 acres



**Pointe Salkehatchie
Industrial Park**
Allendale County, SC
120 acres



**White Oak
Business Park**
Columbia County, GA
612 acres

Leveraging Investments Means Results

11,289
jobs supported



\$5.01 billion
new capital investments

>8,000,000 total SF
supported industrial parks



\$41.17 million
leveraged from matched funds

\$12 million
estimated savings for
Savannah River Site from
the Asset Transition
Program (since 2013)



GROWING OUR OWN THROUGH COLLABORATION®

Fifteen years ago, the SRSCRO embraced a looming workforce challenge with a bold plan – establishing **Nuclear Workforce Initiative (NWI®)**. The results are astonishing.

Return on Investment


\$23.5M in federal funding

\$200K in community grants

2,514 student scholarships

75% of scholarships awarded to minority or non-traditional students

12 years partnering with  **ENERGY**

7 years partnering with  **NNSA**

8 new college training programs established

6 regional college partnerships

8 SC HBCU partnerships

1,677+ students enrolled in higher education

876+ accepted employment at SRS

8,000+ K-12 students involved in STEM outreach activities



Attracting Local Students to Local Jobs: 11 Years of Success With STEM Career Connections®

What do science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) jobs look like in our region? Thousands of high school students find the answer through STEM Career Connections®.

10,000+ participants

35 high schools from 11 counties

11 annual events

27 industry video segments

11+ industry sectors represented

33+ corporate partners



Demystifying Nuclear

Nuclear Science Week (NSW) occurs during the third week of October and is celebrated throughout the world. NSW events in the SRSCRO region consistently rank among the most extensive compared to those held worldwide.



96,440+ participants locally since 2013

2 out of 24 committee members on the International Nuclear Science Week Steering Committee are represented by the SRSCRO

15 corporate, education and community partners serve on the Regional Coordination Committee for Nuclear Science Week, organized by the SRSCRO

30+ Nuclear Science Week events take place annually in our region promoting the importance of innovative nuclear technology and impact of nuclear industry careers in our community

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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