



**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
PARTNERSHIP**

# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING COLLABORATIVE (AMC)

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President/CEO



# Background

- The Economic Development Partnership is 26 year old 501 C-6 Organization that represents four counties in South Carolina in economic development matters.
- Major focus is private sector manufacturing investment and job creation. Also in smart technology investment and employment.
- Savannah River Site is the largest employer in Aiken County
- Added mission for EDP; SRS and it's importance to Aiken County.



# SRS

- Occupies 310 square miles in parts of Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale County (SC)
- Approximately 30% of the land mass is in Aiken County.
- 52% of the employees at SRS live in Aiken County
- In 2004, Savannah River Technology Center became Savannah River National Lab.
- In 2006, Aiken County opened the 24,000 Square Foot Center for Hydrogen Research (now Applied Research Center)
- SRNL occupies a significant footprint in the building through a lease with Aiken County.





- 2015- SRNL issues an RFP for a public private partnership to design, build and operate a facility near SRS but on a college campus
- Aiken Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (AAMP) was formed to submit a site at USC Aiken.
- 60,000 sq ft of office, lab and flex space. For SRNL researchers, University
- Faculty, Students and private industry to collaborate



# HERE WE GO

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### 'A great day in South Carolina'



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Susan Goodwin, seated, a procurement representative for Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, and Will Williams, of the Aiken Advanced Manufacturing Partnership and president and CEO of the Economic Development Partnership, sign an agreement for AAMP to develop the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative for the Savannah River National Laboratory at USCA, Aiken. Attending the signing are, from left, Terrel Spears, deputy manager for the U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office; Dr. Terry A. Michalake, director of SRNL, and executive vice president of SRNS; Carol Johnson, president and chief executive officer of SRNS; Chuck Meyers, director of mission strategy for SRNL; Jennifer Nelson, acting assistant manager for mission support for DOE; Lyles Glenn, principal with Keenan Development; Ronnie Young, Aiken County Council chairman; Thad Adams, director of strategic development and innovation at SRNL, and Dr. Sandra Jordan, chancellor of USCA.

### USC Aiken and developer chosen for new SRNL Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative

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The campus of USC Aiken has been selected as the proposed location for the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative for the Savannah River National Laboratory. The choice brings the U.S. Department of Energy one step closer to the creation of a new facility to promote partnerships among industry, academia and government in the creation and implementation of new technology. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, as the operator of SRNL, has selected the Aiken Advanced Manufacturing Partnership to develop a proposal for space for the col-

laborative facility. Representatives from USCA, SRNL, AAMP and the Economic Development Partnership announced the location and project developer at a news conference Thursday afternoon at USCA. "What a great day in South Carolina. The azaleas are in full bloom, and the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative is taking off," said Dr. Terry A. Michalake, director of SRNL and executive vice president of SRNS. "We look forward to the opportunity to work with the AAMP group in creating a brand new space for the Savannah River National Laboratory that can help us put science to work in collaboration with our industry, academic and government partners."

Michalake said having the new facility on USCA's campus will create a more open environment for collaborative research and development and will help launch "a new direction" for SRNL in areas such as process intensification, smart manufacturing, cyber, virtual simulation and advanced robotics. "It will build on our history of innovation, but will really allow us to accelerate the pace of technological development and bring solutions to important DOE Department of Energy challenges," Michalake said. "This space will allow SRNL to build the future of innovation. Please see USCA, Page 12A.

### SPRING STEEPLCHASE



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The Aiken Spring Steeplechase is as much about people as it is about horses, according to Business Vitality Manager and Steeplechase fan John McMichael. "People come to see and be seen." The 50th Aiken Steeplechase will be held Saturday at Aiken Horse Park.

### Aiken readies for its biggest annual event

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For those who subscribe to the slower paced, idyllic lifestyle that is Aiken, things are about to get busy.

The running of the 50th annual Aiken Spring Steeplechase happens Saturday at River's Field at Aiken Horse Park, and people around town can't wait. "Longtime Aiken resident, local historian and wood trader Owen McClary said there is no place on Earth like Aiken during Steeplechase, and he likes to have a good time, but on a budget. "I've been to a lot of them," McClary said. "I park in a friend's yard on Ashlock Drive and I walk through the Aiken Horse Park side gate with my ticks I bought in advance. I'm a skintail and I don't like to pay for parking." McClary brings a folding chair for he and his wife, Linda, as well as his picnic basket and cooler. "I park my chair, my basket and cooler under the nearest tree, and I start walking," he said. "I talk to a lot of people who bring their picnic spreads of food, and a lot of them feed me." McClary said dressing for the day is as important as the food and drinks. "On warm days I may wear a pair of khaki pants and a colorful shirt along with my Australian dingo hat," he said. "On cold

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### WANT TO GO?

**WHAT:** Aiken Spring Steeplechase  
**WHERE:** Gates open at 9 a.m., first race is at 1 p.m. Saturday  
**WHERE:** Aiken Horse Park, 931 Powderhouse Road S.E. COST: \$25 in advance or \$40 at gate  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Visit aikensteeplechase.com

Submit summer events by April 11  
Does your organization have a summer event?

### Peach blossoms reach peak in Aiken area



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Rodgers added, "We were probably at 100 percent bloom on Tuesday or Wednesday."



# Proposed



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# Next Steps

- \$25 million for construction was in the most recent approved budget
- Will be a Federal project rather than third party lease
- Community is working closely with DOE-SR
- Will be a catalyst for a technology corridor



# Thank You



## QUESTIONS

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