

# WACKENHUT

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## WACKENHUT WINS DIVERSITY AWARD

AIKEN, S.C. – Wackenhut Services Incorporated, the security contractor at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, has received the 2008 Excellence in Diversity Award from the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the South Carolina Diversity Council.

The award, presented at the Fourth Annual Excellence in Workplace Diversity Awards in Columbia, S.C., recognized Wackenhut for creating "an inclusive, respectful work environment that values people and capitalizes on diversity to achieve mission success."



In announcing the award, the South Carolina Diversity Council said Wackenhut's Diversity Plan "reflects a broad array of strategies and includes recruitment, hiring and promotion practices that target women and minorities, diversity training and development, and supplier diversity initiatives and awards in excess of \$4 million in fiscal year 2008."

"As we move forward, the Company remains steadfast in our commitment to valuing diversity in the workplace," said Randy Garver, Wackenhut's General Manager at SRS. "We have a great team of highly-skilled and talented employees who continue to make significant contributions to our critical national security mission requirements."

Several criteria were considered by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and South Carolina Diversity Council in recognizing Wackenhut, including ongoing diversity initiatives, measurable objectives established to evaluate the success of the diversity initiatives, implementation techniques, and roadblocks and how they were overcome.

"Fostering diversity increases productivity and benefits all employees," said Otis Rawl, president and chief executive officer of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. "The business community is proud of these companies that are truly leaders in their long-term commitments to diversity programs in their workplaces."

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The Company's Diversity Plan was developed with a focus on the areas of Workforce Diversity, Educational Outreach, Community Involvement, Business Outreach (Supplier Diversity), and Technology Transfer (the sharing of our technical expertise with agencies in the community). The plan's progress is monitored through Division Implementation Plans and year-end briefings.

"Embracing and integrating all facets of diversity ensures that we consistently perform beyond expectations to achieve mission success in the future," added Mr. Garver.

Wackenhut was recognized as the Excellence in Workplace Diversity Award winner in the medium sized employer category. Other award recipients included Verizon Wireless (large employer) and U.S. Engine Valve (small employer).

Wackenhut Services Incorporated is the largest supplier of contract security services to federal facilities connected with nuclear programs and managed by the U. S. Department of Energy. The Company has provided security services at the Savannah River Site since 1983. The Company is based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

### **Savannah River Site**

The Savannah River Site is a key DOE industrial complex dedicated to environmental management and cleanup, nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship, and nuclear materials disposition in support of the U.S. nuclear non-proliferation efforts. The 310-square-mile site also develops and deploys technologies to support the environmental cleanup and energy independence. The site's center is approximately 23 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia, and 20 miles south of Aiken, South Carolina, the two closest population centers. WSI has provided security services at SRS since 1983.

### **Wackenhut Services Incorporated**

Wackenhut Services Incorporated ([www.wsihq.com](http://www.wsihq.com)) is the largest supplier of contract security services to federal facilities connected with nuclear programs and managed by the U. S. Department of Energy. It also provides security and security related services to U.S. Department of Defense agencies and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and facility management services for government installations. WSI is also a leader in the privatization of public services for municipal, state and federal agencies, including supplementary police, fire and emergency services. The Company is based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

The photo is available in high-resolution format for publication. Pictured in the award photo are (left to right) Randy Garver, WSI General Manager at SRS; Diane Stallings, Director of the Office of Civil Rights for the Department of Energy at SRS; Pat Manuel, WSI Diversity Coordinator at SRS; Melinda Bolen, WSI Dispute Resolution and Compliance Administrator at SRS; Lorri Wright, WSI Procurement Administrator at SRS; and Shirley Johnson, Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist for the Department of Energy at SRS.

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