

## SCRA presents three Knowledge Economist awards

AIKEN — South Carolina Research Authority, in Greenwood, presented its Knowledge Economist award to Susan Winsor, Susan Wood and Ted Motyka for their contributions to knowledge-based economic development in South Carolina. The awards ceremony was conducted today as part of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast Meeting.

As president of Aiken Technical College, Winsor provides opportunities for employment and further education for the college's graduates. Most recently, Winsor led the college to partner with the Center for Hydrogen Research and create a Hydrogen Technology Learning Lab. The college's students are now able to gain competence in understanding and maintaining integrated hybrid and hydrogen fuel cell systems with state of the art lab equipment under the instruction of qualified faculty.

Wood retired from the position of director of the Savannah River Technology Center in 2002 after having this position for more than eight years. During her tenure, her leadership placed the Technology Center on the path to achieve national laboratory status from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Motyka was recognized for his work at the Savannah River Site since 1980. He is the hydrogen program manager for the Savannah River National Laboratory (SNL). Motyka is an expert in hydrogen technology for use in defense as well as civilian energy application.

"Aiken offers tremendous talent and opportunity for the alternative, renewable and sustainable energy segments of the knowledge economy we are building in South Carolina," said Bill Mahoney, South Carolina Research Authority CEO. Winsor, Wood and Motyka are remarkable examples of the expertise and dedication that individuals commit to improving technology and our economy. They have made significant impact in the Aiken area, across the state and nationally, and we are honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge their work."

South Carolina Research Authority is working to support the development of the knowledge economy in the Aiken area through commercialization of technologies from research centers, such as the Savannah River National Laboratory, and to support the growth of companies already established in the area.

