

NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 23, 2009



For More Information Contact:

Jill Hirsekorn
SCRA
Office 843.760.3329
Cell 843.819.5115
jill.hirsekorn@scra.org

SCRA and Oak Ridge National Laboratory Reach Cooperative Accord

CHARLESTON, SC – April 23, 2009 – SCRA, a global leader in applied research and commercialization services and the Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore a wide range of collaborative opportunities in applied research, commercialization, and knowledge-based economic development.

SCRA brings deep domain expertise in technology-based economic development, advanced materials, alternative energy, homeland security, and health care technologies to the new partnership.

“We are pleased at the opportunities collaboration with ORNL will provide to commercialize technologies in South Carolina and globally,” said Bill Mahoney, SCRA CEO.

ORNL brings a rich history of scientific research in support of the U.S. Department of Energy’s mission, including neutron science, high-performance computing, biology, materials science and national security. ORNL will share its unique capabilities to assist SCRA in growing the Knowledge Economy in South Carolina through both SCRA’s internal operations and the SC Launch program.

“We see this as the logical progression of the projects and collaborations that ORNL and SCRA have jointly worked during the past 15 years,” said Harvey Gray, ORNL’s interim associate laboratory director for National Security.

About SCRA

SCRA is a global leader in applied research and commercialization services with offices in South Carolina, Ohio and in McLean, Va. SCRA collaborates to advance technology, providing technology-based solutions with assured outcomes to industry and government, with the help of research universities in SC, the US and around the world.

About SC Launch

SC Launch, an SCRA collaboration, assists entrepreneurial start-up companies with up-front counseling, seed-funding, and access to a powerful resource network. The SC Launch mission is to help generate knowledge economy jobs in South Carolina, enhance the state's quality of life and provide opportunity for all South Carolinians in the new economy.

About UT-Battelle/ORNL

Oak Ridge National Laboratory is the Department of Energy's largest science and energy laboratory. Established in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project, it pioneered a method for producing and separating uranium. It later became an international center for the study of nuclear energy and related research in the physical and life sciences. ORNL supports the nation with a peacetime science and energy technologies strategy that is just as important as, but different from, its role during the Manhattan Project.

ORNL is managed by UT-Battelle for the Department of Energy.