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**News Release**

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## **L&A Signs Strategic Agreement with SC State University** *Provides for Annual Scholarships, Internships and Career Mentoring*

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Longenecker & Associates, Inc. and South Carolina State University have signed a strategic agreement with the aim of preparing SC State students for careers in the Department of Energy complex.

Under the agreement, L&A will provide annual funding for scholarships, career mentoring for SC State students and internships on L&A projects across the complex, which include the Savannah River Site, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, the Nevada National Security Site, the Oak Ridge Reservation and Hanford.

SC State President James Clark will also join L&A's Board of Advisors for a two-year term.

"Developing the next generation of leaders is one of the most important things we can do to support mission success across the Department of Energy enterprise," L&A CEO Bonnie Longenecker said. "We are proud to be associated with South Carolina State University and look forward to benefits this partnership will bring to SC State students and our projects."

Founded in 1896, SC State is the only university in South Carolina and only Historically Black College and University in the nation to offer a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering.

"L&A shares our values and our commitment to prepare our highly qualified students to be leaders of tomorrow," Clark said. "We have a long history of supporting the Department of Energy and Savannah River Site and look forward to the opportunities this partnership will bring."

*Founded in 1989, Longenecker & Associates celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. L&A leverages that experience throughout the nuclear security and cleanup enterprise to improve mission performance, deliver capital asset projects to schedule and budget, implement effective governance approaches and develop targeted business strategies for both large and small businesses.*

*L&A also places a strong emphasis on community and educational giving, providing more than \$1 million over the last decade in undergraduate and graduate scholarships, STEM programs and community assistance.*

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