



South Carolina Planning Education Advisory Committee (SCPEAC)

October 6, 2025

NOTICE OF DECISION

Title of Program: Housing of Workforce

Organization: Aiken County Government

The following action has been taken by the SCPEAC on this application:

APPLICATION RECEIVED Date: October 3, 2025

APPLICATION REVIEWED Date: October 6, 2025

ACCEPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION Date: N/A

- a) X ACCREDITED for: 90 minutes (1.5 hours) CE credit hours: 1.5
- b) _____ DENIED ACCREDITATION
- c) _____ RETURNED for more information

If accredited:

- a) Authorized Course No.: 2025-08
- b) Date of accreditation: October 6, 2025

Certification Signature, MASC Administrative Representative: _____

Certification Signature, SCPEAC Representative: _____

**For further information, contact Urica Floyd at 803-354-4754
or the committee at SCPEAC@masc.sc.**

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Application for Accreditation of a Continuing Education Program or as a Sponsor Organization

NOTE: This certification form, together with the required information referenced therein, shall be submitted to the South Carolina Planning Education Advisory Committee (SCPEAC). Applications are due no later than at least 30 days prior to the first scheduled presentation of a program or class. Once submitted, as the applicant, if you have not been contacted within 5 business days of a submittal, you should reach out with an email or phone call to scpeac@masc.sc or to 803.354.4754 for application status. Approvals are generally granted within 24 to 48 hours. If no objections are raised by a member of the SCPEAC within 10 business days of receipt, the program shall be considered accepted. If an objection is raised, a teleconference meeting shall be scheduled with appropriate public notice, as soon as reasonably possible, to review the application. The Committee will consider extenuating circumstances where the 30-day deadline cannot be met. The primary applicant or staff member organizing the training must meet the minimal educational requirements of at least an undergrad degree, plus 5 years experience in the planning field.

Reason for Application

Choose one:

☒ Request as a Local Official for Continuing Education Program Approval ☐ Request as an Organization for Accreditation of a Continuing Education Training ☐ Request as an Organization to be an Approved Sponsor of Continuing Education Programs

Applicant Information

*The primary applicant or staff member submitting the training for approval must meet the minimal educational requirements of at least **an undergrad degree, plus 5 years experience in the planning field**. The submitting applicant certifies the proposed Continuing Education Program meets the educational requirements in Section 6-29-1340 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and that the proposed presenter is qualified to give the presentation.*

Name

Joel
First

Duke
Last

Municipality/County/Organization

Aiken County Government

Position

Assistant County Administrator

Phone

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If you are a COG Director, indicate which jurisdiction the certification is being requested for:

Applicant Resume/Vita

Joel T Duke Biography and Photo - 150dpi - 2025 -
Aiken.pdf

Information About Organization Providing the Training

Organization Name

SRS Community Reuse Organization

Organization Address

520 Georgia Avenue

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

North Augusta

City

South Carolina

State

29841

Zip Code

Organization Phone

(803) 274-2391

Organization Website<http://www.srscro.com/>**Name of Training Contact**

Robbie Bennett

Title of Training Contact

President & CEO

Training Contact's Phone

(706) 831-6017

Training Contact's Email

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Training Program Information

Title of Planned Training or Program

Housing of Workforce

Date of Training

10/6/2025

Length of Training Session (i.e. 60 minutes, 90 minutes, 3-hours, etc.)

90 minutes

Training Location

Aiken County Government Center, 1930 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29301

Brief description of the Training or Program and its relevant content:

The SRS Community Reuse Organization, Inc. (SRSCRO) is a regional 501(c)(3) non-profit serving a five-county region of South Carolina. The SRSCRO was established to provide leadership in promoting the common economic interests and benefits of residents, businesses, and industries. Its goal is to support stable and balanced economic growth throughout the area by acting as an economic development support organization and a unified voice regarding missions and activities impacting the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

Over the past year, the SRSCRO has conducted an assessment of current and future housing demands, supply, and workforce needs in the five-county region. The proposed training program will share the study results with Aiken County planners and discuss how the data influences the county's long-range plans. The session aims to improve participants' understanding of the national and regional economics of housing. It will address barriers to providing housing for the entire workforce and explore policies that can facilitate housing development.

Method of presentation (in-person; virtual; or other):

In-Person

When will materials be distributed (before or at the time of the program):

at the time of program

Description of materials to be distributed:

Powerpoint presentation and handouts of the presenter's slides

Method of Advertisement (Describe how you plan to notify local officials of the program):

Direct contact by flyer and Email with Aiken County Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, and Planning Staff

Additional Comments**Required Attachments****Brochure, if available:**

Local Government Planning Officials Training - 2025.pdf

Course Presenter(s) and credentials (include brief resumes and qualifications, combine into one .pdf document):

Robbie Bennett CV.pdf

Copies of all handouts and course materials (combine into one .pdf document). If the course materials is a video/webinar recording include an informational sheet with video summary, links to the host site of the video, etc.:

Aiken County Housing Discussion (Document).pdf

Evaluation Form and method of evaluation (each program must be evaluated, combine into one .pdf document):

Training Session Evaluation_AikenCountyP&D_2025October6.pdf

Certification. By submitting this application, the applicant agrees to:

1. Allow in-person observation, without charge, of the Program by the SCPEAC Committee members. Any food, travel, or lodging costs will be the responsibility of the Committee member.
2. The applicant acknowledges that its approval for this Program may be withdrawn for violations of the regulations or failure to comply with the agreements and representations contained herein and as may be required by the SCPEAC.



Joel T. Duke, AICP
Chief Development Officer/Assistant County
Administrator
Aiken County Government
Aiken, South Carolina

Joel Duke has over thirty years of experience in county, municipal, and regional planning. Since June 2019, he has served as the Chief Development Officer (Planning Director) for Aiken County. In that role, he is responsible for administering the county's comprehensive plan, land management regulations, building and related codes, regional transportation planning, code enforcement, and floodplain management.

Prior to his tenure with Aiken County, he served twenty-two years as the planning director for a municipal government in Alabama, where his responsibilities also included managing historic preservation regulations, downtown redevelopment authority, geographic information system, annexation policy, and ADA regulations. During his time as the city's planner, he guided major revisions to the city's comprehensive plan, developed and executed a downtown revitalization strategy, coordinated the redevelopment of a historic factory complex, and contributed to the development of a regional growth strategy.

Joel holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and an undergraduate degree from Jacksonville State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and the American Planning Association.



Robbie Bennett, President/CEO
Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization
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Robbie Bennett has been promoting economic development for over 19 years and has been in the Greater Augusta area for more than 14 years. In 2013, he became Columbia County's economic developer and served as the Executive Director of the Development Authority of Columbia County. Throughout his career in economic development, he has supported the creation or retention of more than 10,625 jobs and facilitated \$1.25 billion in capital investment from companies such as Amazon, Club Car, John Deere, GIW, Starbucks, Rural Sourcing, and others. Recently, he has led efforts for the new White Oak Business Park at I-20 and helped establish redevelopment powers for Columbia County and the City of Harlem. His contributions and impact in economic development are made possible by the support of his wife and daughters.

In 2012, he was recognized by Augusta Magazine and the Augusta Metro Chamber as one of "Augusta's Top 10 in 10 Young Professionals to Watch." In 2015, he was named Lander University's Young Alumnus of the Year, and in 2019, Development Counsellors International (DCI) selected him as one of the Top 40 under 40 in Economic Development. In 2022, GA Trend Magazine named him to the Top 500 Most Influential Leaders in Georgia.

Robbie holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Lander University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of South Carolina. He is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD).

Local Government Planning Officials – 2025 Annual Training

Savannah River Site - Community Reuse Organization

Regional Housing Study - Assessing the Housing Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities Across the 8-county CSRA Region.

Presenter: Robbie Bennett, President & CEO, Savannah River Site CRO

October 6, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Aiken County Government Center, Sandlapper Room

Dinner Provided



Understanding Traffic Impact Analysis

- Traffic Impact Analysis overview – state and local requirements, analysis steps, data inputs, interpreting results, recommendations, general considerations
- Case Studies
- Corridor Studies

Presenter: Joe Robertson, P.E.

Transportation Engineer, Kimley Horn



November 6, 2025

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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Dinner Provided

