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South Carolina Seeks to Become Global Producer of Small Nuclear Reactors  
Governor Announces Partnership with Industry Leaders

South Carolina along with nuclear industry leaders, Holtec International, SCE&G, Areva and Shaw are collaborating to support Holtec International's application to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to develop and license Small Nuclear Reactor (SMR) Technology.

Governor Nikki Haley and Industry leaders will hold a press conference on Tuesday, June 19th on the State House Grounds at 11:30am to discuss the once-in-a-generation opportunity to build the first SMR's at the Savannah River Site and bring jobs and manufacturing to our state.

Holtec International is applying for highly competitive funding program from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to design, license, manufacture and commercialize American-made SMRs; technology that will offer South Carolina a unique opportunity to become a leader in the next generation of nuclear reactor manufacturing.

Department of Energy (DOE) SMR investment funds will be awarded to projects that have the most potential and promise to be licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and achieve commercial operation by 2022. The cost-share agreements will span a five-year period and, subject to Congressional appropriations, provide a total investment of approximately \$900 million, with at least 50 percent provided by private industry.

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