

## **Aviation Management Awards**

The Headquarters DOE Office of Aviation Management has announced that the Savannah River Site Office, and its contract partner the Wackenhut Services Incorporated Aviation Operations Department, has won the U.S. Department of Energy Jeff Snow Aviation Program Memorial Award for the fifth time in the past seven years. During calendar year 2007, they demonstrated outstanding performance in their mission to provide aerial firing platforms, and armed air-mobile support teams to protect this critical national security site, and thereby excelled above all other DOE aviation programs.

Mr. Steven T. Shelt, the Aviation Manager who retired in 2007 at the Savannah River Operations Office, won the DOE Aviation Management Professional Award. During that calendar year, Mr. Shelt's contribution to the safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of this DOE flight program was the most outstanding of all DOE aviation managers. Additionally, during Mr. Shelt's tenure, the General Services Administration (GSA) recognized the SRS team four times at the Government-wide level with the Federal Aviation Program Award in 2002 and 2003, and the runner-up Honorable Mention Award in 2001 and 2005.

Mr. Joe Y. Keller Jr., the Quality Assurance Administrator for the NNSA, Nevada Site Office contractor, National Security Technologies LLC, won the 2007 John Cooley Aviation Operations/Support Professional Memorial Award. During calendar year 2007, Mr. Keller was the most outstanding field-level employee whose primary duties supported the safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of a Federal flight program.

The Department of Energy nominated the SRS team, Mr. Shelt, and Mr. Keller, in their respective categories for the 2007 GSA Federal Aviation Awards. The Office of Aviation Management is proud to announce that Mr. Keller has also won the 2007 GSA Federal Aviation Professional Award in the Operational/ Support Category. GSA will honor Mr. Keller and the other Government-wide award winners on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at the FedFleet Workshop in Dallas, TX.

In a related event, on Friday, April 25, 2008, at the Annual DOE Aviation Operations and Safety Workshop, Ms. Becky Rhodes, Deputy Associate Administrator for Transportation and Personal Property Policy, and Chair of the Interagency Committee on Aviation Policy (ICAP), U.S. GSA, presented the Federal Aviation "Gold Standard" Program Certification to Mr. Robert Jenkins, Director, Office of Aviation Management. This certifies that all DOE aviation programs have implemented and actively support the ICAP Safety Standards Agreement, the Guidelines, and/or adhere to the Federal Management Regulation (FMR) Part 102-33. Ms. Rhodes and Mr. Jenkins also honored each DOE aviation program at the ceremony with an individual certification award.