

# Plant Vogtle Community Newsletter

## Plant Vogtle = Opportunities for Burke County and CSRA

**The most common question Southern Company and Georgia Power employees hear these days is, “how can someone get a job at Plant Vogtle”?**

There are several answers to that question depending on the type of work a person is qualified for and that person’s interests. And there are (and will be) many opportunities for people in Burke County and throughout the Central Savannah River Area, either directly at Plant Vogtle or indirectly through one of the numerous companies conducting business at Vogtle.

Stringent requirements must be met before a person can be involved in building and operating a nuclear-powered electricity generating facility such as Plant Vogtle. To qualify for work at Plant Vogtle in any position, a person must:

- Have appropriate levels of education, experience and training
- Have applicable skills and positive work behaviors
- Remain drug free and be able to pass a comprehensive background investigation
- Be a legal U.S. worker
- Be able to pass entry tests



**More than a thousand people are currently working at the construction site for Vogtle 3 and 4, with many of them involved in excavating and then backfilling two 90-foot deeps holes in which the new electric generating units will be built. Approximately 900 people also operate and maintain Vogtle 1 and 2, which began generating electricity in 1987 and 1989 respectively.**

### For Vogtle Units 3 and 4 “construction” jobs

-The Shaw Group is the general contractor for most of the construction work and related support functions for the new Vogtle units. By 2014, as many as 3,500 people will be directly involved building the two new power plants.

-Many construction jobs at Plant Vogtle have the potential to lead to long-term careers in the electric utility and construction industry if workers have strong skills, positive work ethic, remain drug free, and live and work within the law and workplace rules.

-To apply for engineering, project management and administrative “field/non-manual” positions, interested applicants should go to the Shaw Web page at [www.shawgrp.com/careers](http://www.shawgrp.com/careers).

-To apply for “construction craft” positions such as carpenters, pipe fitters, electricians and laborers, interested applicants should contact one of the labor unions providing the majority of the construction workforce at Plant Vogtle (*see list of unions and contact information on back of this page*). If hired, these personnel will work through Shaw’s subsidiary Stone & Webster Construction, Inc. (SWCI).

-The Community Workforce Labor Agreement, which defines work rules at Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4, does not currently include

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per diem pay to cover living and traveling expenses for those who live more than 50 miles from work. This may result in an advantage to local workers who are qualified and interested in building Vogtle 3 and 4.

-Shaw will utilize many subcontractors as well as direct hires and union labor to build Vogtle Units 3 and 4. The subcontracting companies will also utilize both union and non-union workers, depending on the terms and conditions of their contracts, the function of their work activities and the competitiveness of their bids.

-Shaw uses "E-Verify" to check employment eligibility of new hires by comparing information from an employee's Form I-9 and Employment Eligibility Verification against Social Security Administration and Department of Homeland Security databases. E-Verify is an on-line system operated by the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration.



Construction of facilities has begun that will be used to assemble large plant components and modules.

## For Vogtle Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 "operations/maintenance" jobs

-In addition to the construction personnel, Southern Company expects to hire more than 800 people to operate and maintain the two new units and the existing units.

-In addition to normal operations and maintenance of Vogtle 1 and 2, several large capital projects are planned over the next five years that will require additional personnel, both union and non union.

-Southern Company is partnering with Augusta Technical College to train non-licensed operators and maintenance personnel.

-Augusta Tech has received approval from the Technical College System of Georgia for a new associate degree program to prepare students for non-licensed operations and maintenance work in the nuclear industry. The new Nuclear Engineering Technology (NET) associate degree is scheduled to be offered beginning in the fall quarter 2010.

-The robust two-year NET program will span three academic areas at Augusta Tech: General Education, Industrial Technology and Information & Engineering Technology.

-Southern Nuclear and Augusta Tech's collaboration with the NET program is part of a larger, national Uniform Curriculum Project. Approximately 50 two-year colleges are partnering with nuclear plants across the country to develop similar programs.

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[www.shawgrp.com](http://www.shawgrp.com)

[www.westinghousenuclear.com](http://www.westinghousenuclear.com)

[www.bctd.org](http://www.bctd.org)

## Augusta Building and Construction Trades - Local Plant Vogtle Craft Contacts

- Boilermakers – Local 26 – (912) 964-2586 – wsbashlor@aol.com
- Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers – Local 33 – (706) 798-4353 – baclocal33@bellsouth.net
- Carpenters & Millwrights – Local 283 – (706) 722-4445 – lu283@bellsouth.net
- Electricians – Local 1579 – (706) 722-6357 – kenward@ibew1579.org
- Elevator Construction – Local 32 – (404) 378-6208 – iuec32br@aol.com
- Insulators and Asbestos Workers – Local 96 – (912) 748-6288 – awl96@insulators.org
- Iron Workers, Structural – Local 709 – (912) 748-5118 – djenedfield@yahoo.com
- Iron Workers, Reinforcing – Local 846 – (863) 284-1105; (863) 686-2042
- Laborers – Local 515 – (706) 736-1476 – 515@comcast.net
- Operating Engineers – Local 474 – (912) 330-9928 – pr474@bellsouth.net
- Painters & Allied Trades – Local 1756 – (706) 339-6441
- Pipefitters – Local 150 – (706)724-8846 – dj1502bellsouth.net
- Plasterers & Cement Masons – Local 148 – (404) 696-9500 –Lu148apprentice@bellsouth.net
- Roofers – Local 136 – (404) 373-7081 – rooferslocal136@bellsouth.net
- Sheet Metal Workers – Local 85 – (404) 758-2689 – rwhatley@smwia85.org
- Sprinkler Fitters – Local 669 – (706) 654-3052 – (803) 643-7331 – dweesgeorge@aol.com
- Teamsters – Local 528 – (404) 627-7351 – dtoney@local528.com

