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SRNS Recognized by Governor Haley for Preservation Project

AIKEN, S.C. – April 8, 2011 – Governor Nikki Haley recently presented SRNS with an award for their commitment to historic preservation for the preservation of the old post office in downtown Aiken, currently occupied by SRNS.

The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, a statewide nonprofit organization that advocates for historic preservation throughout South Carolina, honored SRNS - who have leased the building since 2008 - with the Corporate Stewardship Award, as well as Aiken photographer Todd Lista and former owner Sen. Greg Ryberg.

“We’re very pleased to be recognized, of all the companies in the state, for our stewardship and historic preservation, and we think it is an exciting opportunity for us, and it is exciting for the community,” said Clif Webb, SRNS vice president of public affairs.

The old Aiken post office, located at the corner of Laurens Street and Park Avenue, was built in 1912 and served as Aiken’s post office until 1971. The building was owned at different times by Ryberg and Lista, both of whom were recognized for their work to preserve the building in downtown Aiken. SRNS was credited with overseeing and completing the majority of the work when they began leasing the building, according to the organization.



Garry Flowers (top right), SRNS President and CEO, accepts the Corporate Stewardship Award from Governor Haley. The old Aiken Post Office and SRNS Corporate Offices (bottom).

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At the ceremony, SRNS President and CEO Garry Flowers accepted the award on behalf of SRNS from Haley, and he shared with her the importance of the building to the local community. He told her that SRNS shares the pride that the building represents with the community, as is seen by the common reproduction of the iconic image in photographs and paintings throughout the community.

The brick building has a high metal dome and decorative rail around the roof with 16-foot ceilings inside and displays Palladian architecture, according to the city's website.

"The project was done so well; it was done with meticulous care and with the obvious goals of doing it correctly," said the organization's executive director Michael Bedenbaugh. "We do the corporate stewardship award to recognize those corporations who sacrifice their mission and their bottom line to ensure historic preservation is done and is done correctly."

The Palmetto Trust partners with the office of the Governor and the South Carolina Department of Archives and Historic Preservation to present the awards each year.

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