Adding Value in the State of Nevada

Economic Impact

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**NNSS Support to Nevada**

- NNSS partners with the Nye County Sheriff’s department, providing $1.3 million annually, as well as periodic vehicles, equipment, and life-cycle maintenance.
- NNSS paramedics provide rural Nye County ongoing life safety response at no charge with more than 100 emergency response actions annually between Beatty and Indian Springs. These services represent an in-kind contribution of $285,000 annually to Nye County.
- Approximately $1.3 million per year provided to support lease and utilities at the National Atomic Testing Museum.
- Under the Environmental Management program the NNSS provides more than $1.3 million to Nevada for oversight of the NNSS Low-Level Radioactive Waste disposal program, $530,000 to Nevada for oversight of NNSS Environmental Restoration activities, and more than $600,000 to Nevada Division of Emergency Management through waste fees. Since 2000, through these waste fees, the NNSS has provided more than $14M to support emergency preparedness in Nevada.
- Funding of approximately $250,000/year provided to Nye County for groundwater sampling and restoration support.
- More than $5 million annually provided to the Desert Research Institute, supporting:
  - Community environmental monitoring
  - Native American interactions
  - Revegetation studies at the NNSS
  - Archeological monitoring of NNSS
- The Remote Sensing Laboratory located at Nellis Air Force Base provides radiological emergency response, including aerial radiological monitoring. This response supports law enforcement at events such as the State of the Union, Super Bowl, and New Year’s Eve in Las Vegas. This radiological emergency response asset also supported the state of Nevada’s response to the Beatty Landfill fire in 2015.
- The NNSS emergency management program routinely coordinates with first responders at the local and state level to ensure integrated emergency response.
  - 27 exercises in the last three years have had local emergency response participation.
  - 1,600 responders, representing 40 Nevada communities, participated in 125 classes as a part of DOE’s Transportation Emergency Preparedness.

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- **$900 million** Annual Nevada Enterprise spend
- **$6 million** State and local taxes
- **3,100** Well-paying jobs
- **200** Users visit NNSS daily
- **1,150** Highly skilled technical positions
- **900** Skilled craft and laborer positions
- **1,050** Highly skilled professional positions
- **$190 million** Awarded annually to small businesses
- **1,500** Subcontract jobs in Southern Nevada
Our Community

Community Support

NNSS is involved with community-building organizations through board participation, business advice, and/or financial contributions. These organizations include: Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce; National Atomic Testing Museum; and the Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation.

Community Outreach

NNSS also supports several local and regional community relief organizations with more than 900 hours of volunteerism, $200,000 in financial support, and employee awareness. Supported organizations include: Toys for Tots, Rebuilding Together Southern Nevada, Three Square Food Bank, Environmental Education, Opportunity Village, American Cancer Society, and the American Red Cross. In 2018, NNSS donated 2,900 pounds of food to local charities.

STEM Education

As stewards of a highly technical mission, NNSS fosters local and regional STEM education for students in elementary school through college with volunteerism, financial support, board members, and/or employee awareness. Supported organizations include: Science Bowl, Vegas PBS, FIRST Nevada, ASCE Southern Nevada Region Future City, Clark County School District, and DISCOVERY Children’s Museum. We sponsor the Senior Design Competition at UNLV (engineering students), and the two programs we’ve sponsored for them—Tech Trekker and SISTEM—pay stipends to the college students.

University Partnerships

Support for Nevada universities in Las Vegas and Reno include board participation, research collaborations, financial support, senior design projects, graduate research opportunities, and undergraduate summer internships. In 2018, NNSS supported $1 million of research at Nevada universities.