# NUCLEAR CONSTRUCTION ISSUES

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# Shaw: Well-Positioned for Nuclear Renaissance

- AP1000 Consortium
  - Shaw owns 20% of Westinghouse
  - Shaw is EPC contractor for domestic
    AP100<sup>™</sup> projects and EPCM contractor
    in China
- EPC Contracts

 Shaw/Westinghouse consortium has the first EPC contracts awarded in 30 years to build new U.S. nuclear plants



# Shaw: Well-Positioned for Nuclear Renaissance (cont.)

Maintenance

- Shaw provides maintenance at 42 of 104 operating U.S. nuclear plants

- Pipe Fabrication
  - Shaw supplies more than 50%
  - of fabricated pipe in the United States
  - Shaw is largest U.S. supplier
  - of nuclear-grade fabricated pipe



# Module Fabrication and Assembly Facility

- 600,000 square-foot facility located in Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Joint venture with Westinghouse
- Will assemble structural, piping and equipment modules for new nuclear plants using AP1000<sup>™</sup> technology
- Facility will employ 1,400 workers or more at full capacity



### **AP1000<sup>™</sup> U.S. Projects/Prospects**

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Westinghouse/Shaw Consortium furnishes AP1000<sup>™</sup> to domestic utilities:

- Conceptual design
- Integrated EPC team
- Detailed engineering
- Project management

= EPC Contract signed

- Construction management
- Site-specific engineering
- Startup and commissioning

TVA (NuStart) Bellefonte site for 2 units

> Progress Energy Shearon Harris for 2 units

Duke Energy W.S. Lee site SC for 2 units

South Carolina Electric & Gas and Santee Cooper V.C. Summer site for 2 units

Georgia Power Vogtle site for 2 units

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Progress Energy Levy County site for 2 units

> Florida Power & Light Turkey Point for 2 units



# Supply Chain Challenges

- Limited safety-related certified suppliers
- Competition for shop space with other infrastructure projects
- Need to validate that shop QA programs meet requirements



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# Supply Chain Challenges (cont.)

- Confirm suppliers have appropriate attention to document detail
- Re-evaluate progress to prevent fraudulent parts and components



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### **Nuclear Construction Readiness**

- Lessons learned from recent nuclear projects including MOX, LES, Browns Ferry 1, AP1000s and Olkiluoto 3
- Evaluation of INPO reports on industry lessons learned from last generation of nuclear construction



# Nuclear Construction Readiness (cont.)

- Realignment of construction procedures with NRC programs, including ITAAC inspections
- Flow mapping of construction installation activities, turnover and documentation processes
- Implementation of construction readiness reviews in accordance with CII guidelines



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## New Construction Workforce Development

- Dedicated team focused on growing nuclear construction talent
- Establish initial resource profile by construction discipline and skills required
- Complete labor surveys to forecast discipline-specific needs





# New Construction Workforce Development (cont.)

- Partner with outside organizations to attract skilled resources
- Work with NCCER to develop standardized craft training and certification programs



### How the Commission Can Help

- NRC should allocate resources based on which applicants are closest to actual construction
- Module fabrication facilities are most similar to construction; should come under NRC construction inspection program
- NRC should continue to emphasize support of vocational/technical training programs



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# Table of Acronyms

- AP1000<sup>™</sup> Advanced pressurized water reactor technology developed by Westinghouse
- CII Construction Industry Institute
- EPC Engineering, procurement and construction
- EPCM Engineering, procurement and construction management
- INPO Institute of Nuclear Power Operations



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# Table of Acronyms (cont.)

- ITAAC Inspections, tests, analyses and acceptance criteria
- LES Louisiana Enrichment Services
- MOX Mixed-oxide nuclear fuel
- NCCER National Center for Construction Education and Research
- QA Quality assurance

