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*We are proud of the operational advantage and protection that LOCUST is providing on the frontlines and honored to accept this year's AURP Innovation Award. Research parks have played a critical role in BlueHalo's continued success, supporting an ecosystem of innovation and helping us recruit the brightest in the industry to join our mission as we transform the future of global defense together.*

Trip Ferguson, Chief Operating Officer, BlueHalo

### COMPANY, ORGANIZATION & PARTNER NEWS

#### BlueHalo Receives AURP 2024 Innovation Award

BlueHalo's LOCUST Laser Weapon System was recognized as one of two recipients of the 2024 Innovation Award at the Association of University Research Parks Annual Awards of Excellence. BlueHalo operates at two of AURP's member institutions: the SS&TP and Cummings Research Park in Huntsville, Alabama. BlueHalo's LOCUST LWS is operationally deployed as part of the Palletized High Energy Laser program, marking the first confirmed operational deployment of a Directed Energy laser weapon by the U.S. military.



#### SLFCU Changes Name to Sunward

Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union (SLFCU), with a branch in the SS&TP, has officially changed its name to Sunward, symbolizing the spirit of the Southwest. The new logo represents progress, focus, growth, and energy, while paying homage to the credit union's relationship with Sandia National Laboratories. This name change marks a significant milestone, reflecting a commitment to enhancing the banking experience for members in New Mexico and California.



#### Rocket Lab Hosts SS&TP Company Leadership Luncheon

The recent SS&TP Company Leadership Luncheon was hosted by Rocket Lab. Attendees were given an overview and a tour of the company. The City of Albuquerque's Public Art Urban Enhancement Division presented an update on the SS&TP Public Art Project, showcasing the large-scale sculpture design from Ball-Nogues Studio, which was chosen from a pool of 151 applicants. Leadership Luncheons are an opportunity for attendees to network and learn more about the Park companies and organizations.



#### Blood Drives Help Local Community

Vitalant held four blood drives in the Park this past year. Combined, the drives had 63 donors and collected 78 units of blood, exceeding the goal by 14 units to help local hospitals and save up to 234 lives. These blood drives are an opportunity for SS&TP companies, organizations, and partners to give back to the local community.



#### TOUR THE PARK

##### Visit Our Premier Technology Community

To learn more about the SS&TP and arrange a tour, please reach out to Linda von Boetticher at [Ivonboe@sandia.gov](mailto:Ivonboe@sandia.gov).

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