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Small businesses supported through SRNS Mentor-Protégé Day

The Department of Energy Mentor-Protégé Program creates economic opportunities for small disadvantaged businesses

AIKEN, S.C. (Nov. 17, 2011) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) and Department of Energy (DOE)-Savannah River senior leadership recently met with representatives from eight DOE protégé firms to discuss potential business opportunities.

“Providing these protégé companies with access to the strength of our leadership team is the main purpose of this event,” said Beth Bilson, SRNS Senior Vice President of Support Services and Chief Business Officer. “It sends a strong message that our senior leadership finds value in supporting our protégés. The Mentor-Protégé Program is an excellent opportunity not only for the participants but for our company as well.”



Beth Bilson, SRNS Senior Vice President of Support Services and Chief Business Officer; Sharon Campbell, SRNS Manager Supplier Diversity and Supplier Relationship (left back row) Alex Agyemang, SRNS Small Business Programs Manager (right back row) with protégé firm leaders.

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The DOE Mentor-Protégé Program encourages prime contractors, like SRNS to pair with small disadvantaged firms certified by the Small Business Administration (SBA) to create long-lasting relationships for sharing best practices and lessons learned. SRNS provides assistance, such as technical and management assistance and subcontractor support. Protégés gain experience which helps them effectively compete for federal government contracts. There are currently 129 Mentor-Protégé agreements within the DOE Complex.

“The White House has made the development and advancement of small businesses a priority,” said Sharon Campbell, SRNS Manager Supplier Diversity and Supplier Relationship. “SRNS is committed to partnering with small businesses who can add value as we look towards the future of SRS. Having the right suppliers is the key to making Enterprise SRS a reality.”

SRNS’s Mentor-Protégé Day creates a foundation for future discussions around leveraging the Mentor-Protégé Program to satisfy strategic objectives. End-users and buyers are given the opportunity to outline expectations, while the protégé firms are given direct access to customers and the buying community through information booths.

“Our protégé firms represent some of our key lines of business,” said Fred Dohse, SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “Interacting with the visionaries and decision makers of SRS will help them to add value to our operations. For our management personnel this is an opportunity to see the broad spectrum of capabilities our protégé firms have.”

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, is a Fluor-Daniel Partnership comprised of Fluor, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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