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SRNS “Chips In” to Support Area Schools

AIKEN, S.C. (Sept. 6, 2011) – Over the past 12 months, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) distributed over 300 excess personal computers to 12 schools throughout the local region.

Purchased by the U.S. Department of Energy, more than 80 of these computers have been provided directly to schools located in Aiken, SC, Martinez, Ga., Lincolnton, Ga., and Waynesboro, Ga.

“We’re so thankful,” said Estevan Price, Board of Trustees, Augusta Christian Schools, whose schools received 17 computers from SRS through this program. “Budgets are so tight. These computers will have a huge impact on our teachers, helping them in the classrooms.”

Working through the “Computer for Learning Program,” a web-based system operated by the U.S. General Services Administration, this program continues to demonstrate good stewardship of government assets.

“The Excess Operations team works hard to disposition excess equipment for the Department of Energy,” said Beth Bilson, Vice President Business Services, SRNS. “It feels so good to do our job and help the community at the same time.”



Augusta Christian Schools IT Coordinator Estevan Price shows Augusta Christian student Ciera Bowlby one of the computers recently donated to Augusta Christian Schools by the Department of Energy and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC.

The Savannah River Site is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy and is managed and operated by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC.

“The donation of these computers to schools in need is just one small, but important part of our various outreach programs,” said Dr. David Moody, Savannah River Operations Manager.

According to Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC Talent and Educational Outreach Manager Candice Dermody, SRNS is currently managing or partnering in nine major educational outreach programs targeting the needs of area students and teachers.

“Our future is our children,” said Dermody. “DOE and SRNS are dedicated to donating resources through proven and highly effective outreach programs to further strengthen area school systems.”

To date, SRS education outreach programs have enhanced the education of over 300,000 middle and high school students throughout South Carolina and northern Georgia and donated over \$280,000 to area teachers in the form of grants to help them develop special teaching programs for their students that otherwise, they could not have funded on their own.

During this past school year alone, the SRNS Educational Outreach Program has enriched the lives of more than 35,000 students and teachers.

Examples of educational outreach programs currently offered through SRNS personnel include CSRA College Night, Innovative Teaching Mini-Grants Program, Traveling Science Demonstration Program, Science & Technology Enrichment Program (STEP), Introduce a Girl To Engineering, Future City Competition, DOE Savannah River Regional Science Bowl and Savannah River Regional Science & Engineering Fair.

“It’s so rewarding working with our area students and faculty,” said Dermody. “This past school year, through the SRS Traveling Science Demonstration Program, numerous SRNS volunteers provided interesting, hands-on demonstrations and interactive presentations to over 8,000 students at schools throughout the CSRA. The students were thrilled and the teachers grateful.”

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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