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SRNS Employees Win 10 International Awards for Innovative Programs

SRNS brings home the “Idea of the Year” and a record number of prestigious awards at employee suggestion conference

AIKEN, S.C. (Oct. 1, 2015) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) employees won 10 awards at the 73rd annual “IdeasAmerica Training Summit” in Hanover, Md. The awards, presented by IdeasAmerica (IA), recognized different facets of the SRNS incentive-based employee suggestion program, Individuals Developing Effective Alternative Solutions (IDEAS).



SRNS employees took home 10 achievement awards, including the “Overall Idea of the Year” award, at the 73rd annual IdeasAmerica Training Summit in Hanover, Md. Accepting the awards (from left) were Allan Young, Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) Controller; Dianne Dalenberg, SRNS Accounting Administration Lead; Rosalind Blocker, SRNL Protocol Officer/Conference Management; Brenda Kelly, SRNS IDEAS Program Administrator; Johnny Lott, HB-Line Radiological Protection Facility Manager; and Stephen Hall, SRNS firefighter.

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Over the past year, SRNS has implemented a Lean business methodology called the Focused Improvement Transformation (FIT) into the company's Continuous Improvement culture. "The IDEAS program is the starting point for many of our highly successful FIT initiatives. All employees have the opportunity to propose how to improve our processes and make our work safer through IDEAS," said Brenda Kelly, IDEAS Program Administrator, SRNS Continuous Improvement.

A team of SRNS and Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) employees won gold in the "Team Idea of the Year" category and achieved the "Overall Idea of the Year" award out of all of the 2015 IdeasAmerica finalists.

Rosalind Blocker, SRNL Protocol Officer/Conference Management; Dianne Dalenberg, SRNS Accounting Administration Lead; Allan Young, SRNL Controller; and John Longo, Senior Technical Advisor, SRNL Office of Chief Information Officer, received the top honor for developing a new travel expense database, a system to manage business travel requests and forecasting that has resulted in significant savings for SRNL.

HB-Line Radiological Protection Facility Manager Johnny Lott of SRNS received the silver award for "Advocate of the Year" for his continuous support of the IDEAS program.

In addition, SRNS employee Ernie Williams brought home the silver award in the "Safety Idea of the Year" category. Williams, a radiological protection first line manager in H Area, implemented a new method for shielding workers from radiation during the remediation of beryl saddles, small pieces of silver nitrate shaped like a horse saddle. The new approach would reduce potential worker exposure.

Also winning the silver level in his category was SRNS firefighter Stephen Hall for the "Green Idea of the Year." Hall designed an innovative disposal system for expired fire extinguishers that has eliminated 99 percent of chemical dust vented into the atmosphere by the extinguishers.

Overall, the SRNS IDEAS program received three bronze awards for "Total Dollars Saved," "Savings Per Eligible 100 Employees," and "Savings Per Implemented Suggestion." SRNS IDEAS leads Melody Bell and Laura Barsh also received "KUDO" awards for their exemplary work in processing employee suggestions.

"Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is not only dedicated to delivering results and conducting all aspects of our work safely, but we are also committed to the prudent use of taxpayer dollars. Our company's Focused Improvement Transformation works aggressively at removing non-value added steps in processes and achieving long-term cost savings for the site," said Dave Eyler, SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer. "I want to extend my thanks to

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our award winners who are examples of Continuous Improvement ambassadors, successfully applying their knowledge and experience to identify safer and more efficient ways of performing work.”

IDEAS has saved \$75 million in cost savings, efficiencies and productivity gains since SRNS became the management and operating contractor in 2008. The IDEAS employee suggestion program is the longest running of its kind in the United States and has achieved over \$244 million in savings and cost avoidances since its founding in 1998.

For over 70 years, IdeasAmerica (IA) has served managers and administrators of employee ideas all over the world. This is the third consecutive year that SRNS was recognized on the world stage by IA.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, 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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