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SRNS Employees Win Six International Awards for Innovative Programs

AIKEN, S.C. (Sept. 28, 2016) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) employees won six awards at the 74th annual IdeasAmerica Training Summit in Atlanta, Ga. The awards, presented by IdeasAmerica (IA), recognized different facets of the SRNS incentive-based employee suggestion program Individuals Developing Effective Alternative Solutions (IDEAS).

In 2015, SRNS 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 employees," said Brenda Kelly, IDEAS Program Administrator, SRNS Continuous Improvement. "The impact of their ideas is sometimes larger than they expect and move on to become very successful FIT initiatives. Every employee has the opportunity to make suggestions to improve our business processes and make work safer through the IDEAS program."

SRNS Site Services (SS) employees David Dixon and Tommy D. Gleaton received the silver award in the "Green Idea of the Year Award" category for their suggestion "Cleaning Diesel Engine Exhaust Particulate Filters." Dixon and Gleaton developed an innovative solution for cleaning filters for diesel trucks known as "Tier 4" filters, which are required by the Environmental Protection



SRNS employees took home six achievement awards during the 74th annual IdeasAmerica Training Summit in Atlanta, Ga. Accepting the awards (from left) were Paula Croom, Environmental Stewardship, Safety and Health; Joe Legge, Site Services; Brenda Kelly, IDEAS Program Administrator; Tommy D. Gleaton, Site Services; Veronica Thomas, Savannah River Tritium Enterprise; and David Dixon, Site Services.

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Agency's emissions standards. The process can effectively and safely clean the Tier 4 filters in-house rather than sending the filters to the manufacturer for cleaning, which will save the company over \$90,000 a year.

The SRNS IDEAS program received two SEER Awards (Savings Per Eligible Employee Ratio), including a silver award in the "Total Dollars Saved" and "Savings Per Implemented Suggestion" categories and an honorable mention for "Savings Per Eligible Employee."

Two "KUDO" awards were presented to SRNS IDEAS leads Joe Legge and Paula Croom for going above and beyond to promote the IDEAS program within their organizations.

"The SRNS IDEAS program is about people working together to remove non-value added work while keeping safety considerations at the forefront," said Norm Powell, Senior Vice President, SRNS Business Services. "Our award winners are truly ambassadors of Continuous Improvement, and I want to extend my thanks to them for successfully applying their knowledge and experience to make their work safer and more efficient."

IDEAS has saved \$77 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 program of its kind in the United States and has achieved more than \$200 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 fourth consecutive year that SRNS was recognized on the world stage by IA.

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