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Aiken Technical College Announces New Educational Program to Train Workers for Nuclear Industry Jobs

ATC to offer \$2,000 grants per semester for those seeking high-paying positions in nuclear field

Date: Tuesday, January 26
Time: 1:30 p.m. (please arrive by 1 p.m.)
Address: Aiken Technical College
Center for Advanced Energy Manufacturing Building
2276 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Graniteville, S.C.

Speakers: Dr. Susan Winsor, President, Aiken Technical College
Carol Johnson, President & CEO, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions

AIKEN, S.C. – (January 22, 2016) – As the nuclear industry experiences major growth in the Georgia-South Carolina region, Aiken Technical College (ATC) is unveiling a special opportunity for area residents. A new certificate program – including special grant funding to cover most of the tuition – that could lead to a high paying career in nuclear operations at the Savannah River Site (SRS) or one of the other major projects in the region.

- The Nuclear Fundamentals Certificate curriculum, developed in collaboration with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), requires two semesters of course work to complete.
- Students enrolling in the Nuclear Fundamentals Certificate program can receive up to \$2,000 in grant funds per semester. For Aiken County residents, tuition per semester for the Nuclear Fundamentals Certificate program is about \$2,100.
- Newly hired operators at SRNS who have earned the ATC Nuclear Fundamentals Certificate can expect starting pay to be approximately \$41,000 a year. SRNS expects to hire as many as 2,000 qualified general production operators, radiation control personnel and mechanics at SRS over the next several years.

“We have plans to hire 80 general production workers that we call ‘operators’ this year alone. Aiken Technical College has created a new program whose graduates will have met all our

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fundamental training needs, providing much needed job candidates who are ready to go to work in our nuclear facilities almost immediately.”

-- Carol Johnson, President and CEO, SRNS

“Each graduate with this certificate in hand will find multiple employers in the nuclear field, locally, regionally and even nationally, interested in their potential as a new hire. We’ve been in contact with several large corporations in this field, and they are all in need of qualified nuclear workers. We want ATC to be the college that educates, equips and provides those job candidates.”

-- Susan Winsor, ATC President

According to Johnson, the need for qualified candidates is only going to grow at SRS over the next several years. “It’s no secret that a large percentage of our workforce is reaching an age where they can retire. It’s already begun, and we know the numbers of those seeking retirement will rise every year throughout the near future. We’re expecting to see 2,000 plus job openings at SRNS before our hiring levels off again.”

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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