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SRNS Helps to Honor Aiken County Teacher of the Year SRNS provided Title Sponsorship and special gift for the Public Education Partners' annual "Teacher of the Year" event held at USCA's Convocation Center

AIKEN, S.C. – April 29, 2013 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC recently assisted Public Education Partners (PEP) with this year's Teacher of the Year "Salute to Excellence" award celebration as the Title Sponsor, acknowledging the vital role educators play, especially in the greater Aiken-Augusta area. SRNS President & CEO Dwayne Wilson was this year's keynote speaker.

The 2012/2013 Teacher of the Year award recipient, Elizabeth Supan, fourth grade teacher, Aiken Elementary School stated "It is very exciting and rewarding to receive this recognition after 20 years of teaching. It's like icing on the cake!"

The event was held at the University of South Carolina Aiken Convocation Center before an audience of dozens of fellow teachers.

Each year, every public school in Aiken County presents for consideration a nominee for this special award. Each nominee attends the award ceremony. Six of these educators are selected to be in the honor court, from which, the Teacher of the Year is selected.



SRNS President & CEO Dwayne Wilson (left) stands with Public Education Partners (PEP) Board Member Rob Gentry after presenting the PEP Teacher of the Year Elizabeth Supan with a new laptop computer provided by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC.

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Representing SRNS as the Title Sponsor, Robert Gentry, Vice President, Site Services, had the privilege of presenting the 2013 winner with a new laptop computer purchased by SRNS, demonstrating SRNS' appreciation for her extraordinary work and years of dedication towards the scholastic achievement of numerous students.

"We at SRNS have a sincere passion for supporting education outreach initiatives, year-round, throughout the CSRA," said Wilson. "It's at the primary and secondary levels of education within area school systems that our future leaders and the Savannah River Site's future employees are nurtured, shaped and prepared for life as an adult. We want to be an integral part of supporting that process."

Jeff Howell, Executive Director, PEP, noted that SRNS also financially supports several other PEP programs and initiatives including their Summer Institute, strings orchestra, the purchasing of synergistic module labs and providing a \$500 Grant of the Month for Aiken County teachers.

Background:

PEP is an independent, community-based, non-profit organization established in 1995 to support the improvement of public education throughout Aiken County, S.C. Since its inception, PEP has identified unmet academic needs in the Aiken County public schools and has mobilized community resources to meet these needs. PEP has been instrumental in developing supplemental K-12 programs in literacy, math and science, arts and humanities, and workforce preparation. PEP provides funding for innovative programs and strong community collaborations that leverage the resources of the community to improve education.

Also at the recent Salute to Excellence celebration, PEP selected the teacher from the Honor Court who best demonstrated the spirit of innovation and collaboration. Loretta Childress, Greendale Elementary School, was presented the 2012-2013 Champion Award. This award includes a \$1,000 grant from PEP to use in the classroom or for professional development.

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