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Decade of SRNS Mini Grants to Local Teachers Reaches \$600,000

AIKEN, S.C., May 22, 2019 – Over the last decade, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) has donated \$600,000 to enhance local education through the annual SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants program.

More than 100 educators from the greater Aiken-Augusta area recently gathered to be honored and receive grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

“We realize funding issues often limit the goals and plans our local educators have for their students,” said Francine Burroughs, SRNS Manager, Talent Acquisition & Development. “We want to reward their impressive dedication and extreme desire to academically grow their students. This is where our Mini Grants program can often help.”

The program recognizes and supports projects that enhance elementary and middle school science, mathematics and technology programs.

Typically, the grants are used to purchase materials and hands-on kits such as: Making a Splash in Learning with Underwater Robotics; FUNdamental Fractions; Limitless Learning in 3-D; Raising Awareness of Our Environment; and Creating “Tasty Treats” with Math and Science.



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“It’s very nice what SRNS does for us,” said Jannie Dee Johnson, a fourth-grade teacher at Greendale Elementary, New Ellenton, S.C. “Not many people understand how much of our own money we spend on supplies and materials for our students. It’s a great feeling that a company would spend that much to support local teachers. It shows just how much they value education.”

Educators from all Central Savannah River Area elementary and middle schools (public and private) are eligible to apply for the \$50,000 in Mini Grants offered each year. This year, more than 200 grant proposals were submitted, with 80 being selected.

“The grant for our project involves several grades of students working with area colleges and civil engineers to design and build a model of a pedestrian bridge to be constructed over a very busy highway next to our school,” said Denise Newman, Stem Coordinator for Jackson Middle School, Jackson, S.C. “Hopefully, by the end, we’ll have a nice presentation for the County Board of Supervisors to review and consider.”

Funding for the grants is provided through the parent companies of SRNS (Fluor, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell).

“Rewarding these teachers who work so hard for our children is important,” said Gladys Moore, SRNS Education Outreach. “Their enthusiasm and heartfelt expressions of appreciation make this event special for us as well.”

The primary goal of the extensive SRNS education outreach program is to enhance interest in science, mathematics, engineering and technology while supporting improvements in education by using the unique resources available at SRS. The SRNS management team believes business, industry, government and the academic community should work together as partners to improve educational opportunities for all students in our region.

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