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SRS Contractor Supports Innovative Lab

SRNS and Honeywell Partner to Promote Math, Science and Language Arts at Paul Knox Middle School

AIKEN, S.C. (Oct. 31, 2013) – Department of Energy contractor Savannah River Nuclear Solutions continues to support education at all levels throughout the CSRA, including a monetary contribution that enabled the recent opening of a new synergistic modular laboratory at Paul Knox Middle School, in North Augusta.

“SRNS generously contributes approximately \$20,000 each year to help fund several Public Education Outreach events and initiatives,” said Jeff Howell, Executive Director, Public Education Partners. “With the use of this funding we were able to complete the lab at Paul Knox, making many teachers and students very happy.”

The modules offer students a way to learn a subject by getting their hands involved during the experience. The innovative curriculum provided through each unique module guarantees that students will interact with the topic they are learning about. Students often find themselves surrounded by more technology, educational instruments, software, and experiments than they



After the ribbon cutting, Amon Parson (left) works with Instructional Coach Michelle Dove as SRNS President and CEO Dwayne Wilson and USC Aiken Chancellor Sandra Jordan look on.

may see in all of their other classes combined. As a result, critical learning experiences in math, science, and language arts now take place in a classroom that is transformed into a real-world learning center – an environment where they use technology to apply knowledge every day.

“It’s such a thrill to see the excitement in the eyes of the students as they explore science in a fun and practical way using the lab modules,” said Rob Gentry, SRNS Vice President and Deputy Director, Environment, Safety, Security and Health. Gentry also serves as the vice chairman for PEP’s Board of Directors.

Partner company Honeywell also financially assisted with the completion and startup of the new lab at Paul Knox with a \$5,000 contribution, supporting the purchase of a “Robots” module.

According to Howell, PEP and SRNS have played an integral role in the installation of the eight synergistic modules labs in Aiken County beginning at Langley Bath Clearwater Middle School in 2004 and, more recently, Jackson Middle School in 2012.

Officials at Paul Knox chose the following modules for their lab: Applied Physics; Astronomy; Body Systems, Climate and Biomes; Energy-Power and Mechanics; Robots; Forensic Science; Money Management; Natural Disasters; Statistical Analysis; Environmental Issues; Engineering Towers; Soils, Ecology, Ideas and Innovations.

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