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SRNS Offers \$75,000 in Mini Grants to Local Innovative Teachers

Elated teachers revel in the opportunities created by this program

AIKEN, S.C. (Dec. 19, 2013) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) is offering Mini Grants totaling \$75,000 to over 100 Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) educators as part of the SRNS “Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program.”

This program encourages teachers to seek out creative and innovative methods and teaching tools used in the classroom to further enhance each student’s learning experience related to science, mathematics and technology.

Targeting elementary and middle schools, educators from throughout the CSRA are eligible to apply for a Mini Grant. Each grant can be applied for within one of three categories worth \$500, \$750 or \$1,000. An independent selection committee reviewed more than 200 grant proposals last year and selected 85 projects (see attached list of last year’s names and schools).

“A good education is priceless and begins early in a child’s life,” said Dwayne Wilson, SRNS President & CEO. “SRNS has a wide array of programs and sponsored events dedicated to



SRNS President and CEO Dwayne Wilson welcomes last year's SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program winners, each of which is about to receive a monetary gift to encourage them to seek out creative and innovative methods and teaching tools to further enhance each student's learning experience related to science, mathematics and technology.

support teachers and develop the minds of students in ways that have extensive impact and long-term results. We've been thrilled with the results achieved through the implementation of past Mini Grant awards. We want to continue to reward the passion we see in so many educators found across the region."

The grants are provided through corporate funding made available by the parent companies of SRNS, LLC: Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell.

"Through the generosity of SRNS, we've taken our studies in math and engineering to a whole new level," said Karey Santos, Fourth Grade Teacher, Millbrook Elementary School, Aiken, S.C. Santos's Mini Grant award provides resources for students to work in mock engineering and construction companies, building toothpick bridges. They will work collaboratively to design and construct a truss system to a specific scale and test for who has the "Best Bridge," using an engineering efficiency ratio of mass/load capacity.

All elementary and middle school educators in the South Carolina counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Edgefield and those in the Georgia counties of Columbia and Richmond, are invited to submit an application.

Applications for a 2014 Mini Grant are available at the Savannah River Site web page: http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/edoutrch/ed_home.htm.

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