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## SRNS Signs Agreement, Providing Scholarships and Potential Internships to Claflin University Students

AIKEN, S.C. (Oct. 7, 2014) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Claflin University (CU) yesterday, funding ten, \$2,500 scholarships and agreeing to provide a variety of additional resources to include on campus seminars and, potentially, internships at SRS.

In addition, the agreement calls for support to be provided to CU faculty by tapping the broad knowledge base and extensive science and engineering expertise found throughout the SRNS organization.

“We are pleased to partner with SRNS and appreciate its willingness to provide financial support for our students,” said Dr. Henry Tisdale, President, Claflin University. “SRNS is recognized as a leader in the industry and this partnership also will offer significant opportunities for the University. We look forward to ensure that our students will graduate optimally prepared for rewarding careers within SRS as well as local industry and businesses.”

Unlike many MOUs, frequently developed between companies and universities throughout the nation, the resources contained within this one MOU are highly diverse. The list of goals that SRNS, working with CU, will strive to achieve includes:

- Establishing a scholarship fund with an initial gift of \$25,000.



*Carol Johnson, SRNS President & CEO, and Dr. Henry Tisdale, President, Claflin University, recently signed a memorandum of agreement, which provides funding for scholarships and offers a variety of resources to potentially include internships at SRS.*

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- Considering students for temporary employment as interns based on qualifications for positions related to their field of study as they apply to SRNS.
- Conducting at least one career development seminar on campus each year.
- Supporting CU faculty by reviewing science, technology, engineering, math and business management curriculum offerings and recommending improvements where appropriate.
- Participating where possible, in on campus college and career fairs.
- Facilitating CU participation in the SRNS Tour Program and tours of Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) facilities in support of collaborative research opportunities identified by SRNL and CU research staff.
- Partnering with CU's Department of Environmental Science and other appropriate School of Natural Science and Mathematics faculty researchers to identify research projects at SRNS that may be conducted jointly or singularly to meet SRNS's research needs. Lead researchers designated by SRNS may serve as advisors to CU faculty researchers.

"We've taken a holistic approach to this effort to show our support for Claflin University students and faculty," said Carol Johnson, SRNS President & CEO.

The terms of this agreement will take effect immediately with the scholarships for the spring semester awarded in January 2015

A historically black university founded in 1869, Claflin is committed to providing students with access to exemplary educational opportunities in its undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs. Claflin seeks to foster a rich community comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators who work to nurture and develop the skills and character needed for engaged citizenship and visionary and effective leadership.

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