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5-Star Award Presented to EM Savannah River Site and Contractor Partner *SRS Receives Green Electronics Council 2023 EPEAT Purchaser Awards*

AIKEN, S.C. – (November 30, 2023) – EM Savannah River Site (SRS) and its contract partner, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), recently received the Five-Star 2023 Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) Purchaser Awards for excellence in the procurement of sustainable electronics.

This national recognition by the Green Electronics Council (GEC) emphasized the environmental benefits and energy-related savings obtained by SRS during 2022, due to their use of 8,178 EPEAT registered electronics purchased by SRNS.

Use of EPEAT-qualified equipment during 2022 resulted in:

- a reduction of 487,095 kilograms of CO2 equivalents;
- a savings of 1,806,282 kilowatt-hours of electricity;
- the elimination of 34,774 kilograms of solid waste;
- a savings of 3,451,959 liters of water; and
- a monetary savings of \$84,660.

In a letter from William “Ike” White, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management, he stated, “We recognize the team’s outstanding achievements in support of this important and voluntary program. This achievement demonstrates a commitment to excellence, reflecting well on the Department, EM, SRS and SRNS.”

EPEAT registered products and SRS guidelines seek to minimize levels of toxic components, ensure the highest level of energy efficiency, incorporate recycled content, facilitate end-of-life recycling, and reduce unnecessary packaging. The recognition highlights excellence in procurement and sustainable electronics to promote green information technology (IT).

According to Tracy Padgett, Requisition Security Review Coordinator and Supply Chain Risk Management Team Coordinator, one of the key factors in this significant achievement is the Preferred Hardware List (PHL) that helps expedite the buying process for common supplies and standardizes technology to reduce overall risk.

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"The PHL allows end users to choose a product model that is not only energy efficient and least impactful to the environment but one that has been approved by Counterintelligence and Security," said Padgett. "Choosing common purchases like printers and monitors from the PHL is an efficiency that also reduces risk to the Site."

"This was a huge collaborative effort between Governance, Cyber Security, Technical Security, and Counterintelligence to be awarded the Five-Star Award for the third consecutive year," said Bruce Page, SRNS M&O Chief Information Officer. "I am proud of this team and the entire Site for the use of EPEAT products listed on the PHL to help fulfill our mission to protect the environment for future generations."



Green Electronics Council recently presented a national award to Savannah River Site IT personnel in recognition of the environmental benefits and energy-related savings obtained during 2022 through the purchasing of energy efficient and environmentally friendly IT products.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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