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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Employee Earns Third Consecutive Small Business Award

AIKEN, S.C., September 15, 2020 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) has a strong focus on small business development and has proven to be a leader within the Department of Energy (DOE) Complex. Jay Johnson, who was appointed the SRNS Senior Director of Contracts in December, recently received his third consecutive Procurement Director of the Year award through the Department of Energy (DOE) Annual Small Business Awards Program.

“This prestigious award does not recognize the accomplishments of one person. It’s a tribute to the buying professionals and technical leads who decide to partner with small businesses to deliver innovative solutions to our complex missions,” said Johnson. “When we win, we win as a team. I’m honored, but everyone on our team is deserving of this award.”

According to Johnson, SRNS President and CEO Stuart MacVean’s personal engagement has proven important in tying small businesses to strategic execution. “We have key members of the executive team who have played a vital role in mentoring through the SRNS Mentor-Protégé Center of Excellence Program providing their perspective to as few as six small businesses at a time on how to maximize their capabilities and impact at SRS. This unique experience has increased the value they add to DOE missions,” he added.

Norm Powell, Senior Vice President of Business Services, served as an early champion of the Center of Excellence. “When we launched this initiative, my focus was on cultivating the talent the Site needed to ensure success, not just for today, but for future missions as well. I’d say we are well on our way to achieving that goal.”



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SRNS Small Business Liaison Officer Alex Agyemang noted that to the best of his knowledge, being honored with three consecutive Procurement Director of the Year awards through the DOE Annual Small Business Awards Program is unprecedented. This achievement combined with the fact that over the last three years SRNS has committed \$730 million dollars to small businesses validates the strength of SRNS procurement policies related to supporting and growing small businesses.

Contract to date, this innovative program has received 15 awards with 13 of these recognitions coming in the last three years.

“The ability of Alex Agyemang and his team to partner with small businesses, while integrating with DOE Headquarters and regional organizations to bring the SRNS brand to the forefront, is huge,” said Johnson. “We recognize that Alex has proven that he is one of the most talented small business program managers in the complex. He is passionately dedicated to strategically aligning to the right small businesses to meet contract execution.”

Agyemang explained that SRNS procurement strategy includes investing in small businesses in intangible ways as well, such as providing continuous improvement training while meeting with suppliers.

“We’ve literally seen a high percentage of these small companies grow not only in size, but in the quality of their management style, desire to deliver top-tier customer service and other, equally important, business-related attributes found only in the best of the best,” said Agyemang. “There is a direct correlation between consistently investing time and resources into small businesses by our company and the benefits SRNS receives in return.”

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor-led company with Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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