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SRNS Information Technology's Jeffrey Krohn Wins "Stevie Award" During 2021 International Business Awards Competition

AIKEN, S.C., December 1, 2021 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions' (SRNS) Information Technology's (IT) Chief Information Officer Jeff Krohn was named the winner of a Bronze Stevie Award in the COVID-19 Response category "Government Hero of the Year" during the 18th Annual International Business Awards (IBA) competition.

Stevie Awards recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. More than 3,700 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration in a wide range of categories. Stevie Award winners were determined by the average scores of more than 260 executives worldwide who participated in the judging process from June through early August.

"When COVID-19 began to impact the Savannah River Site (SRS), Jeff led IT teams through unprecedented challenges to manage explosive growth in teleworking," said Tonya Tran, SRNS Principal Systems Engineer. "Given the stringent security regulations imposed upon the applications, infrastructure, and employees here at SRS, this was a monumental task that was managed professionally and successfully. He strongly advocated for teleworking to maximize protection for employees while minimizing the impact on SRS missions."

Tran also noted that Krohn re prioritized and rallied for funds, equipment and other resources required to adequately transition the workforce while negotiating licensing terms, lease agreements and other critical services.

According to the nomination, Krohn ensured that management and user concerns were tracked and prioritized in comprehensive teleworking reports which documented emerging issues and resolutions. During these efforts, he enforced strict security, remaining compliant with cybersecurity protocols. His steadfast leadership and perseverance resulted in a successful digital transformation of the SRS infrastructure and workforce. Krohn's determination, support and guidance were integral to the success of this critical endeavor.

Comments from the IBA judges provide further insight into the merit of his award.

- "A great effort in such a short period of time faced by the challenges of the pandemic."
- "Mr. Krohn demonstrated extreme competence in his executive leadership skills."
- "Congratulations to the entire IT team and, of course, their leader Jeffrey Krohn, who have successfully undertaken this important task."
- "Mr. Krohn was adaptable towards the safety of the workforce and supported his team to work through changing needs. It was impressive."

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“Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic impact to the site from March 2020 to date, I have observed and been inspired by the leadership conveyed by Mr. Krohn,” said Bruce Page, SRNS Manager, IT Enterprise Operations. “It goes without saying that the Business Services IT organization provided the critical technology framework for all knowledge workers on Site to include several key information stakeholders such as the Department of Energy, security contractor Centerra, Savannah River Remediation and the Savannah River National Laboratory. From day one, he rallied the troops to aggressively transition the organization to a complete telework posture within days and implemented daily Plan of the Day sessions with his staff to assure IT readiness as well as business continuity at the site level.”

Winners are to be celebrated during a virtual ceremony on Dec. 8, 2021.

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 located near Aiken, South Carolina.



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions' Chief Information Officer Jeff Krohn will be presented a Stevie Award in the COVID-19 Response category "Government Hero of the Year" during the Annual International Business Awards competition in December.