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Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Partners in Career Fair for Recently Displaced Employees

AIKEN, S.C., November 10, 2022 – More than 100 potential job candidates recently attended a career fair held at Aiken Technical College (ATC) for workers displaced from a manufacturing plant in Edgefield, South Carolina. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) partnered with the South Carolina Department of Employment and Work Force to provide employment advice and assistance.

“It was an obvious decision to try to do something for these displaced workers by offering them detailed information about employment opportunities at SRNS,” said Bryan Ortnier, Manager, Talent Acquisition, SRNS Workforce Services. “We also realized this was a good opportunity to get the word out to the community as well.

“Though, at its core, we wanted to meet the needs of the employees who lost their jobs at the Edgefield manufacturing company, we’ve also seen workers from plants that are closing and people who are just interested in potential careers at the Savannah River Site,” he added.

Ortnier explained that the skill sets of the displaced employees from the Edgefield plant closely match those sought by SRNS for their growing missions and workforce.

“We’ve seen production operators, production technicians, quality control personnel, maintenance mechanics, electrical and instrumentation mechanics, material handlers and those with warehouse experience today at the career fair. These are all occupational areas where we need new hires,” said Ortnier.

Throughout the event, a steady flow of job candidates registered and moved throughout the ATC gym visiting more than a dozen SRNS employees who provided advice and accepted resumes.

“The really positive take away from today is that we’re helping local residents that are probably native and grew up around here. We’re telling them – those who just lost their jobs – there’s an option here with SRNS and they can stay with us their whole career,” said Ortnier.

Ken Williamson, who attended the fair, expressed that he found the event to be helpful, providing an opportunity for him to move forward in his career. “This is great and an opportunity to grow by offering a new challenge, especially in a field offering nuclear-related work,” said Williamson, who also worked at the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, located near Waynesboro, Georgia.

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.



Cheryl Sanders, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Workforce Services, provides career guidance and information about the Savannah River Site to a local resident during a recent career fair at Aiken Technical College.