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SRS IDEAS Program Saves Millions, Merits National Recognition

AIKEN, S.C. – (July 27, 2012) Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) employee suggestion program has been recognized nationally and internationally for exceptional performance and results since it began in 1998 at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

Known as the SRNS “IDEAS” program, this employee suggestion system has been heralded nationally as a Top 10 employee suggestion process. This is not surprising when considering that over the last five years alone, it has created savings and cost avoidances totaling more than \$80 million.

The SRNS IDEAS program recently accepted two prestigious awards presented by the nationally recognized Center for Suggestion System Development (CSSD), “The Elite (Top) Ten” and “Outstanding Suggestion Program Manager of the Year” awards.

In a letter to SRNS, CSSD President Thomas Jensen stated, “My heartfelt congratulations on these deserved accomplishments. It is truly an achievement and an honor to be the recipient of these awards.”

SRNS, which has over 5,000 employees, has consistently maintained an annual program participation rate of over 11 percent.

“We are fortunate to have an executive team that fully understands and supports a progressive and innovative employee suggestion program,” said Brenda Kelly, SRNS IDEAS Program Manager. “They also understand that a reasonable investment towards quality incentives for submitted and implemented suggestions reaps great rewards.”



Gisele Landry, SRNS Maintenance, helped ensure an employee suggestion was implemented eliminating the need to open thousands of emergency lights located throughout SRS on an annual basis, saving nearly \$300,000 a year in cost avoidance.

The Savannah River Site is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy and is managed and operated by Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC.

Last year provides a good illustration of this success. According to Kelly, during 2011 SRNS experienced an average savings per suggestion of \$141,000, with an implementation rate of 52 percent.

“It’s one thing to have a successful suggestion program from a savings and cost avoidance point of view...and improved productivity,” said Dwayne Wilson, SRNS President & CEO. “But, we also greatly appreciate the fact that our employees are turning in quality suggestions that have had a significant impact on the effectiveness of our safety program.”

According to Kelly, one of the top IDEAS suggestions made during a recent productivity promotion was related to safety.

“Our executive review team rated it as number one, not just because of a major cost avoidance, but more importantly, this suggestion also created a new method to perform a function within a contaminated work area that dramatically reduced the radioactive exposure employees had been experiencing while performing this particular task,” said Kelly.

Kelly explained that last year over 600 safety-related suggestions were turned in for consideration. Well over 400 were accepted.

“We have a reputation for safety as evidenced by the thousands of safety-related suggestions submitted since the inception of the IDEAS program at SRS,” said Wilson. “That’s ‘walking the talk,’ always looking for a safer way to do business. When our employees see something unsafe, they say something for safety.”

SRNS employees are committed to creating safe, innovative, effective solutions for our country’s most pressing initiatives. SRNS offers in-depth nuclear knowledge for the nation and works to make the future of our country secure, energy independent and environmentally responsible.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, is a Fluor Partnership comprised of Fluor, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, 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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