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## SRNS and Aiken Technical College: Partnership for Success

AIKEN, S.C. (July 23, 2014) – Since 2008, the Department of Energy’s primary contractor Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) and Aiken Technical College (ATC) have experienced a productive relationship working together as partners to develop graduates who go on to lead successful careers throughout the region and, frequently, at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

SRNS has provided support to ATC in the form of monetary grants, donated equipment and expert consultation, which has helped form multiple programs fulfilling vocational needs in many areas within SRNS.

ATC’s programs related to manufacturing, information technology, nuclear quality systems and radiation protection, as well as others, have produced dozens of knowledgeable and well-trained students who are now SRS employees.

“We often look to area technical schools to provide qualified job candidates,” said Carol Barry, Director, Workforce Services & Talent Management. “This staffing strategy minimizes the investment in extensive developmental training, which was previously required for many of our new employees.”

Recent ATC graduates Julia Brantley, Kayla Corbett and Taylor Barton are all working within the SRNS Radiation Protection Program.

“The program at ATC was very helpful, giving



*Former Aiken Technical College students, now full time SRNS employees, Taylor Barton (left) and Toria Edwards, work through annual requalification training as Radiological Control Inspectors at SRS.*

me a good head start,” said Taylor Barton, SRNS Radiological Control Inspector. “I took on this opportunity feeling confident that I already knew a lot of the information and terminology others would have to learn on the job.”

Aiken Technical College President Dr. Susan Winsor notes that ATC often acts as a catalyst and an engaging interface for their intern students and recent graduates, assisting with their placement within local business and industry.

“ATC works closely with local industry and community partners to ensure that our students’ training and curriculum match our area’s workforce needs,” Winsor said. “Because of strong partnerships like the one with SRNS, ATC is able to help citizens gain the skills to be successful in a high-demand nuclear career and to provide the workforce that area employers need.”

Over the last year alone, SRNS has hired more than 60 employees from area technical colleges.

ATC is one of the 16 schools in the South Carolina Technical College System and has been serving the community for more than 40 years. ATC’s rich history, commitment to quality education and state-of-the-art facilities combine to provide individuals with a way to enjoy a first-class, affordable education that’s close to home.

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