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FUTURE CITY COMPETITION™ KEEPS ENGINEERING AT THE FOREFRONT

AIKEN, S.C., (April 26)—Engineering professionals at the Savannah River Site may have found an innovative way to pique local students' interest in the engineering field with a program called Future City Competition™-- a combination of stimulating engineering challenges with “hands-on” applications.

Future City, an educational engineering program, made its area premier this week at Aiken Middle School on Friday, April 26. Volunteers from Westinghouse Savannah River Company (WSRC) Team Partners were on hand to support the pilot effort.

Approximately 80 Aiken Middle School seventh-graders participated in the competition. Teams consisted of five students, an engineer and a teacher, which forms a mentor/protégé relationship. Each team was required to “design and build a future city” by completing five areas of competition: developing a project plan, creating a logical model of the city using *SimCity 3000™* software, devising a team-made physical scale model, writing an essay on energy management, and providing a verbal presentation.

“Future City is a creative substitute to the more traditional activities for National Engineers Week normally celebrated each year in February,” said George Clare, Site Chief Engineer for WSRC. “We can really boost the pipeline of students likely to become engineers at the Savannah River Site, while contributing to the overall education opportunities in the CSRA.”

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SRS engineers and other volunteers from the local community served as judges during the preliminary and final rounds of competition. Prizes sponsored by the SRS chapter of the National Management Association were awarded to teams finishing first, second and third.

Future City Competition™ is sponsored nationally by the National Engineers Week organization.

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Attachment: Future City Competition™ agenda