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### WSRC ACCEPTING TEACHER APPLICATIONS FOR MINI GRANTS

AIKEN, S.C., January 15 --The Westinghouse Savannah River Company is now accepting applications from teachers for its 2001 Excellence-in-Teaching Mini Grants program.

The program recognizes and supports excellence in teaching by providing grant money to enhance elementary and middle school science, mathematics and technology programs.

Elementary and middle public school teachers are eligible to receive grants of \$350, \$750 or \$1,000. Since the program began in 1989, WSRC has awarded \$426,000 to more than 750 projects in the Central Savannah River Area.

"This program has been a huge success for teachers and students in communities all around the CSRA," said WSRC President Joe Buggy. "This money can go a long way in an elementary school or middle school classroom, and it gives a number of teachers an opportunity to be exceptionally creative."

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Interested teachers may contact their school principal or WSRC program administrator Cindy Buchanan at (803) 725-1458. Grant proposal applications must be received by February 23. Applications are also available on the SRS Web site at

**[http://www.srs.gov/general/sroppty/edoutrch/ed\\_home.htm](http://www.srs.gov/general/sroppty/edoutrch/ed_home.htm)**.

The grants will be awarded at a reception in April.

The Mini Grants Program is funded by the Community Giving Program operated by Westinghouse Savannah River Company and its partners, Bechtel Savannah River, Inc., BWXT Savannah River Company, and BNFL Savannah River Corporation. The Community Giving Program supports community initiatives including education, health and welfare, civic and social activities and culture and the arts.

WSRC and its partners operate the Savannah River Site for the U.S. Department of Energy.

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