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## **Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Opens Application Period for Innovative Teaching Mini Grant Proposals**

AIKEN, S.C. (Jan. 11, 2012) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), LLC is now accepting applications from educators within the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) for the 2012 Innovative Teaching Mini Grants program. This program provides an opportunity for area educators to compete, by submitting grant proposals, for classroom supplies and equipment that will enhance and promote science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lesson plans.

Elementary and middle public school educators in the seven-county CSRA (Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Edgefield counties in South Carolina, and Columbia and Richmond counties in Georgia) are eligible to receive grants in amounts of \$500, \$750 or \$1,000.

“We are committed to supporting our education partners by sponsoring programs that facilitate the delivery of math, science and technology curricula and increase educational opportunities for students in the CSRA,” said Candice Dermody, SRNS Manager, Talent Development and Education Outreach Programs.

Winners, as well as everyone who submitted a proposal, will be honored at a ceremony in April.

Applications were mailed directly to the eligible schools last week. Teachers may obtain applications from their school principal or SRNS Program Coordinator Gladys N. Moore, (803) 952-9450. Applications are also available and can be downloaded by visiting the SRS web site:

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

Grant proposal applications must be received at SRS by March 2. Applications cannot be hand-delivered by non-SRS employees.

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