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2013 Regional Science and Engineering Fair Competition: Leading Area Students to Careers in Science, Technology and Engineering

Students from an 18-county region, within the greater Aiken-Augusta area, competed for this year's blue ribbons and a trip to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair competition

AIKEN, S.C. – (March 21, 2013) With the support of the U.S. Department of Energy and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS), hundreds of Central Savannah River Area science-savvy students recently participated in the 2013 Savannah River Regional Science and Engineering Fair competition.

Over 200 students representing schools from an 18-county region located within the greater Aiken-Augusta area put their project on display at the University of South Carolina Aiken (USCA).



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“The range of project themes and variety of experimental areas are always amazing,” said Candice Dermody, SRNS Manager, Education Outreach. “The students’ passion for this event and use of creativity within each project continues to impress me.”

SRNS is coordinated the competition for the sixth year, ensuring an educational and rewarding experience for each student competitor.

Other co-sponsors included USCA and the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory.

“The Savannah River Regional Science and Engineering Fair gives young people from the area the opportunity to explore the world of science and technology and develop their scientific investigation skills and knowledge by planning, constructing and exhibiting their own “hands-on” science projects,” said Kim Mitchell, Science Fair Coordinator and SRNS employee.

Projects were judged for scientific reasoning, creative ability, thoroughness, technical skill and clarity. This event promotes students’ interest in science and engineering by providing public recognition of outstanding work and by giving students the opportunity to interact with community scientists and engineers.

Forty volunteers from the Savannah River Site, USCA and the community typically participate as officials and judges for this competition.

This year, over 1,500 high school students from more than 70 countries will compete for \$3 million in scholarships and prizes at the international competition in Phoenix, Arizona.

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