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## **SRR partners with A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School**

AIKEN, S.C. (February 16, 2011) – Savannah River Remediation LLC (SRR) is reaching out to students by partnering with a unique school in the area, A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School.

The partnership is aimed at mentoring the students who may eventually find jobs at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

Dave Olson, SRR Operations and Deputy Project Manager, said he is pleased SRR is stepping out to assist a local school whose mission fits with SRR's mission.

"We want to provide more learning opportunities for these students, and provide mentors for them to ensure they can gain a solid footing before leaving high school," Olson said. "It's important to our area and our country to continue to bring more students into the science and engineering pipeline. They are our lifeblood."

SRR will focus on the school's robotic's program since SRR uses robotic devices to help remove and sample waste from million-gallon radioactive waste tanks.

To help the students, SRR donated \$3,000 to A.R. Johnson's robotics program so they could buy equipment and ensure they have the money to register for competitions.

In addition, SRR will:

- Provide an engineer from SRR to their robotics class to guest teach;
- Host a field trip for the robotics students;
- Provide a senior executive to give an engineering and science/math career presentation annually to all seniors;
- Assign engineering managers as mentors to students to offer them assistance, advice and support; and
- Consider placement of 1 or 2 graduating seniors as summer interns to SRR each year.

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SRS is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). SRR is the SRS Liquid Waste contractor for DOE. SRR is composed of personnel from a team of companies led by URS with partners Bechtel National, CH2M Hill and Babcock & Wilcox. Critical subcontractors for the contract are AREVA, Energy Solutions and URS Safety Management Solutions.

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**SRR SUPPORTS AUGUSTA ENGINEERING MAGNET SCHOOL** – On February 15, SRR Operations and Deputy Project Manager Dave Olson, center, presented a check to A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School. Also pictured from left: Jarrett Sims, Mike Scruggs, Adeline Capps, Devin Carter, Rana O'Bryant of SRR, Dr. LaMonica Lewis, A.R. Johnson principal, Mr. Olson, Aleksandriya Holiday, assistant principal; Sandra Johnson, engineering teacher; Jarrett Caldwell, Austin Whiting, Krista Holbien and Tariq Cannonier. The students are members of the school's Technology Student Association and Robotics Team.