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## Approximately \$17,000 in Scholarships Offered to Students Attending CSRA College Night

Aiken, S.C., (September 3, 2008) — High school students will have an opportunity to meet recruiters from more than 150 colleges and universities and win scholarships totaling approximately \$17,000 at CSRA College Night, to be held 5-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, at the James Brown Arena, Augusta, Ga. Admission is free, and the event is open to the public.

"College Night provides a valuable resource to CSRA high school students as they decide which college or university to attend," said Chuck Munns, President, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS). "Working with our co-sponsors, we're pleased to help continue a tradition that provides one-stop shopping for a large and diverse selection of college and university recruiters."

According to SRNS Educational Outreach Manager Barbara Smoak, the extent of information provided to area students during College Night is impressive.

"Nearly the entire floor of the arena is filled with information booths manned by recruiters representing colleges and universities from throughout the U.S.," said Smoak. "Last year more than 8,000 CSRA students, parents and guidance counselors visited the information booths, quizzed university representatives and participated in a special seminar on National Collegiate Athletic Guidelines."

College Night provides a way for CSRA students and parents to:

- Obtain information on educational opportunities, admission requirements and tuition;
- Speak with representatives from various professional societies who will be on hand to provide information in areas such as engineering, management, chemical science and nuclear science;
- Attend seminars to get information about HOPE and LIFE scholarships, financial aid and essay writing for college admissions and scholarships, NCAA guidelines and joint enrollment;
- Visit a counseling center that will be open throughout the evening where students and parents can seek advice about the college application process from high school advisors and admissions professionals; and
- Visit a career exploration area where students can discover their options after college. Students will be able to participate in a quick "card sort" interest inventory to validate their career choice.

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To qualify for a College Night scholarship, students must be high school juniors or seniors and graduate with a GPA equal or above 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). Students must attend and register in person at CSRA College Night to be eligible.

CSRA College Night is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, SRP Federal Credit Union and Clear Channel Radio/Power107; in partnership with Augusta Area Independent Schools, Aiken County Public School Career Specialists and Counselors, Wackenhut Services, Inc., Augusta Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Communigraphics, Southern Nuclear - Plant Vogtle, Society of Women Engineers (Central Savannah River Area Section), Aiken Junior Woman's Club, American Nuclear Society (Savannah River Section), South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers (Aiken Chapter), American Association of Cost Engineers International, (CSRA Section), American Society of Civil Engineers (Central Savannah River Valley Branch) and Washington Safety Management Solutions.

For more information, visit our web site at http://www.srs.gov, click on Outreach, then Educational Outreach Programs, then CSRA College Night:

http://www.srs.gov/general/outreach/edoutrch/coll\_night.htm

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