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WSRC WINS NATIONAL DIVERSITY AWARD

AIKEN, S.C. (Oct. 3, 2007) – The Washington Savannah River Company's diversity programs have been recognized as "imaginative and carefully articulated," resulting in a prestigious national award.

Dialogue on Diversity, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., awarded WSRC the Corporate Excellence Award at a Sept. 28 celebration in the nation's capital. Sharon Campbell, Manager of WSRC's Small Business Program, accepted the award.

WSRC operates the Savannah River Site for the U.S. Department of Energy. WSRC is a subsidiary of Washington Group International.

WSRC President Leo Sain said the award represents a continuing effort to maximize the Site's strength through diversity.

"Whether through our business programs or our employee programs, we value and practice diversity," Sain said. "We understand that everyone brings a different perspective to the table. For us, diversity means that we want to be inclusive to find the best solutions. This award certainly certifies we're on the right road as we continue to improve."

Dialogue on Diversity commended WSRC's work, and said about the Aiken company that, "It has launched an imaginative and carefully articulated program of concern for its stable of vendors and its corps of employees, those in particular representing the country's and their region's ethnic diversity."

On the business side, in the past year WSRC has purchased approximately \$306 million in goods and services, of which \$136 million was awarded to small businesses, including small disadvantaged firms, women-owned businesses and HUBZone firms. WSRC has been widely recognized for its support for small and minority businesses.

For employees, WSRC focuses on creating an inclusive environment where every employee can get involved and participate. The company values the differences and cultures of others through teamwork and helping each other succeed.

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The WSRC Diversity Policy extends far beyond the letter of the law. Some examples include:

- Establishment of a Diversity Board of Directors in 1997, which is made up of 16 internal employees and five external community and business leaders;
- Establishment of an EEO/Diversity training component that provides required annual training for employees; and
- Participation in multicultural events.

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