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New Partnership Announced Between Russian Software Company and American Utility Service Company at Partnerships for Prosperity and Security Exhibition

PHILADELPHIA, PA -- National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Administrator Linton Brooks today announced a new partnership agreement between Fuelco LLC, a Midwest-based utilities service company, and Optima, a Moscow-based systems integrator and software development company.

Brooks made the announcement at the first-ever Partnerships for Prosperity & Security exhibition conference in Philadelphia, November 5-6, where world-class scientists and engineers from Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan unveiled 140 technologies, many of which have been previously inaccessible to U.S. companies.

"I was delighted to hear that this conference was the catalyst for these companies to formalize their relationship. We are encouraged by the progress and are pleased to be able to help Russia develop its market economy," Brooks said.

The initial agreement, signed at the exhibition, will lead to development of fuel accounting software designed to help track procurement of nuclear fuel products. Phase One of the project will be an assessment leading to the development and testing of the actual software. This technological partnership will help American utilities lower costs to their customers.

The conference showcased NNSA's Russian Transition Initiatives (RTI), which works in partnership with American industry to transform the infrastructure of the Russian nuclear weapons complex to permanent non-military commercial uses. The program serves an important nonproliferation goal by redirecting Russian nuclear weapons scientists to commercial efforts. RTI is implemented through two-programs - the Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (IPP) and the Nuclear Cities Initiative (NCI).

NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency of the Department of Energy. It enhances U.S. national security through the military application of nuclear energy, maintains the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, promotes international nuclear nonproliferation and safety, reduces global danger from weapons of mass destruction, provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion, and oversees national laboratories to maintain U.S. leadership in science and technology.

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