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Savannah River National Laboratory and Augusta University create faculty position in cyber

Agreement marks the first partnership for cybersecurity innovation and education at the university's new School of Computer and Cyber Sciences

AIKEN, S.C. (June 22, 2017) – The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) and Augusta University announced today, through the signing of an agreement, the creation of a faculty position at the university's new School of Computer and Cyber Sciences. Jointly appointed by SRNL and Augusta University, this faculty position will foster interdisciplinary research and education in the area of cybersecurity.

According to the agreement, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, the managing and operating contractor of SRNL will provide $200,000 to launch the position, and will work with Augusta University to fund the faculty member's future efforts. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is owned and operated in partnership by Fluor Corporation, Newport News Nuclear, Inc., and Honeywell International, Inc.

"We are excited about our partnership with Augusta University and the opportunity to help advance this region's role in the national cybersecurity agenda," said Dr. Terry A. Michalske, Laboratory Director, SRNL. "Cybersecurity is a complex national challenge and meeting this challenge will take close partnerships among academia, industry and government to foster innovation and build a highly trained workforce."

As a world leader in applied science and technology, SRNL is actively developing cyber security innovations for DOE missions in the areas of national security, energy and advanced manufacturing. Through this joint faculty appointment, SRNL is seeking to accelerate the pace of cyber innovation using the industry, academic and government partnerships enabled by Augusta University and the Hull McKnight Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center. In addition, this faculty position will prepare students in the Central Savannah River Area to meet the complex challenges of cybersecurity.

"This partnership will allow us to better recruit the highly qualified faculty needed to train our cybersecurity students for the careers of tomorrow," said Augusta University President Brooks A. Keel, PhD. "We will leverage our shared research infrastructure and expertise in the area of cybersecurity to become the nation's leader in cybersecurity education and discovery."

The School of Computer and Cyber Sciences will enhance and expand on the work done by Augusta University's Cyber Institute. Established in June 2015, the Cyber Institute enables, supports and champions meaningful, innovative, interdisciplinary research and education for cybersecurity. The institute was recently recognized as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. Its work focuses on collaborative partnerships to impact K-12 and higher education, health care, government and business communities.

About Savannah River National Laboratory
Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) is a multi-program national laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Management. SRNL puts science to work providing practical, cost-effective solutions for the nation's environmental, nuclear security, energy and manufacturing challenges. http://srnl.doe.gov

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