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Longenecker & Associates Signs New Strategic Agreement With SC State University

ORANGEBURG, SC --- Longenecker & Associates (L&A) has signed a new strategic agreement with South Carolina State University to help students prepare for careers to support the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in its vital national security, scientific research and environmental remediation missions.

Under the agreement, L&A will provide \$10,000 in scholarship funding, along with career mentoring and internship opportunities, for SC State students. The intent of the agreement is to help SC State students pursue career opportunities in the DOE nuclear weapons and environmental cleanup complex at sites across the country.

"I'm excited and proud to sign this new agreement with South Carolina State to continue to assist students interested in careers supporting the critical missions of the Department of Energy," L&A CEO John Longenecker said. "We want to help develop the pipeline of next-generation workers and future leaders who will be qualified to support DOE in the decades ahead in all it does for the nation. Plus, it's a benefit for us to have the opportunity to gain the innovative insights and perspectives these students can provide."

L&A began its relationship with SC State in 2020, and since then has provided an initial \$20,000 in scholarship funds and two internship opportunities.

"I believe that being here at L&A has been amazing for me," said Dwayne Curnell, a SC State student who participated in an engineering internship supporting L&A's activities at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

SC State is the only university in South Carolina and only Historically Black College or University in the nation to offer a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering.

"We at SC State greatly appreciate the ongoing support Longenecker and Associates has provided to our students and our nuclear engineering program," SC State President Alexander Conyers said. "This relationship means more students can pursue nuclear engineering careers. It also gives high achievers valuable opportunities to gain practical experience in the field as they complete their education. L&A is a vital partner for SC State as we work to provide students with affordable pathways to success."

Founded in 1989, L&A is a premier woman-owned small business that supports the DOE and National Nuclear Security Administration. L&A leverages its experience throughout the nuclear security and cleanup enterprise to improve mission performance, deliver capital asset projects to schedule and budget, implement effective governance approaches and develop targeted business strategies for both large and small businesses.

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About South Carolina State University

Founded in 1896 as a land grant institution with a mission of providing service to the citizens of the state, South Carolina State University has evolved from a small teachers' college into a major University center of learning and research. Located in Orangeburg, S.C., South Carolina State offers more than 50 different fields of study on the undergraduate and graduate levels. South Carolina State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools.

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