

Plant Hatch Donates Testing Equipment to Southeastern Tech's Electronics Technology Program

Plant Hatch recently donated a variety of testing equipment to Southeastern Technical College's (STC) Electronics Technology program in Vidalia, Georgia. The donation of digital controllers, flow transmitters, pressure switches, signal conditioners, and pressure test equipment will be used by STC students to increase their knowledge and proficiency of this equipment, which is used in the nuclear environment.

Plant Hatch Site Vice President Johnny Weissinger stated, "Through the donation of this equipment, we are strengthening the technical relationship between Hatch and STC's Electronics Technology program and helping to better prepare and develop interested students to enter our Instrument and Controls (I&C) program at Hatch, or even other locations throughout the fleet. This partnership and hands-on preparation with real-world equipment used in the nuclear industry is a win-win for the students, Hatch, and the Southern Nuclear Company fleet."

Mr. Weissinger engaged Southeastern Technical College President Larry Calhoun and Electronics Technology Instructor William "Chip" Greene to initiate this partnership and the effort was brought to fruition with the help of Hatch I&C Manager Royce Clark and Senior I&C Technician Ben Campbell.

"This process control equipment donation is greatly appreciated," said Mr. Greene, electronics technology program director. "The equipment will be immediately incorporated into our existing process controls courses to augment the students' exposure to current equipment and devices used by our local

and regional manufacturers and power industries. This will benefit both our students and employers by reducing the required training time for our graduates as new employees.”

“The equipment donated by Southern Nuclear for the STC Electronics program will enable our students to get hands-on with the latest technology being used at Plant Hatch. The modern equipment, along with our partnership, will help make our graduates better qualified for entry-level positions at one of the nation’s leading nuclear power generation operations. We look forward to continuing to grow our workforce development relationship with Southern Nuclear,” said STC President Larry Calhoun.

For more information on the programs offered at STC, visit www.southeasterntech.edu or call (912) 538-3100 or (478) 289-2200.

Photo: STC Electronics Technology Instructor William “Chip” Greene, STC President Larry Calhoun, Plant Hatch Site Vice President Johnny Weissinger, and Plant Hatch I&C Manager Royce Clark