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WACKENHUT SUPPORTS YOUTH EDUCATION AT SILVER BLUFF AUDUBON CENTER

AIKEN, S.C. – Wackenhut Services Incorporated, the security contractor at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, has donated \$3,000 to support educational initiatives at the Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Jackson, S.C.

The Silver Bluff Plantation Sanctuary was created in 1975 and operated initially as a 3,100-acre wildlife sanctuary and forest management demonstration area. In 2002, the property was renamed the Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary as Audubon launched a nature-based education program available to school children from across the Central Savannah River Area.

"Participating students are involved in a series of lessons that incorporate science, mathematics, and language arts into environmental studies," said Dan Connelly, Manager of the Center.

"Each visit includes field and classroom hands-on experiences with topics such as plant and animal classification, wildlife management, soil analysis, water ecology, navigation, forest measurements, and archeology."

The Audubon Center targets students from Title 1 schools, those schools with at least 40 percent of the students from families that are at or below the poverty level. In addition, the Center supports inner-city schools from minority areas that would otherwise not be exposed to a nature-based class experience.

Students are scheduled for two visits per year to the Silver Bluff Audubon Center, where they spend the majority of the school day. All instruction is standards-based for each grade level in Georgia and South Carolina. During the 2007-08 school year, 91 classes received instruction at Silver Bluff, for a total of 1,632 students and 274 accompanying adults.

"The Silver Bluff Audubon Center is doing a great job with youth education in the area," said Randy Garver, Wackenhut's General Manager at SRS. "Community support is important to us at Wackenhut, and we are pleased to make this donation to further their programs."



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Savannah River Site

The Savannah River Site is a key DOE industrial complex dedicated to environmental management and cleanup, nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship, and nuclear materials disposition in support of the U.S. nuclear non-proliferation efforts. The 310-square-mile site also develops and deploys technologies to support the environmental cleanup and energy independence. The site's center is approximately 23 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia, and 20 miles south of Aiken, South Carolina, the two closest population centers. WSI has provided security services at SRS since 1983.

Wackenhut Services Incorporated

Wackenhut Services Incorporated (www.wsihq.com) is the largest supplier of contract security services to federal facilities connected with nuclear programs and managed by the U. S. Department of Energy. It also provides security and security related services to U.S. Department of Defense agencies and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and facility management services for government installations. WSI is also a leader in the privatization of public services for municipal, state and federal agencies, including supplementary police, fire and emergency services. The Company is based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Silver Bluff Center and Sanctuary

The Silver Bluff Center and Sanctuary (www.sc.audubon.org) is a 3,154 acre wildlife sanctuary owned by the National Audubon Society. The site boasts a varied habitat of forests, fields, lakes, ponds and streams nestled along 2.4 miles of the Savannah River. Habitat and wildlife diversity make Silver Bluff a favorite destination for those interested in birds, wildflowers, photography, or simply a quiet walk. There is a wealth of history associated with the area including evidence of prehistoric Native Americans, visits by DeSoto in the 1540's and by William Bartram in the 1770's and ownership by S.C. Governor James H. Hammond in the 1800's. The wildlife habitat supports over 200 species of birds, including the endangered Wood Stork and Bald Eagles. Other wildlife such as deer, fox, alligator, armadillo and more also abound. Silver Bluff is a Discovery Stop along the S.C. National Heritage Corridor. An ongoing archaeological dig at Silver Bluff investigates the site of George Galphin's 18th century trading post. Programs at the Center focus on environmental education and are targeted toward school groups and the general public.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The photo is available in high-resolution format for publication. Pictured in the award photo are (left to right) Randy Garver, WSI General Manager at SRS, and Dan Connelly, Manager of the Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary.

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