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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley and nuclear industry leaders - including officials from Holtec International, SCE&G and Areva – will highlight the opportunity South Carolina has to develop Small Nuclear Reactor (SMR) Technology at Savannah River Site and bring jobs and manufacturing to the state during a Tuesday press conference.

The event will be held on the west side of the Statehouse outside the Office of the Governor at 11:30 AM.

Holtec International is one of two South Carolina companies applying for a highly competitive funding program from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to design, license, manufacture and commercialize American-made SMRs - technology that will offer South Carolina a unique opportunity to become a leader in the next generation of nuclear reactor manufacturing.

DOE SMR investment funds will be awarded to projects that have the most potential and promise to be licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and achieve commercial operation by 2022. The cost-share agreements will span a five-year period and, subject to Congressional appropriations, provide a total investment of approximately \$900 million, with at least 50 percent provided by private industry.

WHO: Gov. Nikki Haley and nuclear industry leaders

WHAT: Statehouse press event highlighting Small Nuclear Reactor (SMR) Technology

WHEN: Tuesday, June 19, 11:30 AM

WHERE: West side of the Statehouse, outside the Office of the Governor
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