



News Release

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Sandersville Technical College Hosts Career Fair in Anticipation of Forthcoming Plant Washington Project

340 citizens attend event to learn about wealth of jobs that will be available as a result of the plant

(Sandersville, Ga – June 5, 2009) – Sandersville, Georgia is soon to be home to one of the most advanced power plants in the nation as Power4Georgians is moving forward with plans to build and operate Plant Washington, an 850 MW facility that will supply electricity to customers throughout Georgia.

In anticipation of the immense need for workers, a career fair was staged at the modern facilities of Sandersville Technical College recently and judging by the turnout, citizens are eagerly anticipating the day when groundbreaking for the plant takes place.

340 people attended the career fair speaking with representatives of the various business entities that will be providing job opportunities across a wide array of professions. At the peak period of construction, it is estimated that Plant Washington will employ upwards of 1,500 people and many will come from Sandersville and other communities across Georgia.

“We were excited by the turnout and glad that Sandersville Tech can be an institution that provides students with the skills to fill many of the jobs that Plant Washington will bring to our community,” said Lloyd Horodan, president of Sandersville Technical College. “We were pleased to host the career fair and know our students are excited by the opportunities presented.”

One such student was Leatha Mitchell a resident of Jefferson County who is currently studying in the nursing assistant program at Sandersville Tech. She attend the career fair to find out what positions might be available in or out of the nursing field. "I am sure looking forward to the power plant coming here because we need jobs," she said. "As a woman who's getting a good education at this very school, I want to show everyone that I have a lot to offer an employer."

L.C. Hunt, a Sandersville resident was in attendance and had nothing but positive comments, "This is a good event for people that need jobs and have families to support. We need jobs in Washington County and the power plant is going to bring a lot of them."

Ben Franklin another local resident was in attendance. Franklin is nearing retirement age and planning to take classes at Sandersville Tech to learn new skills which he can put to use, perhaps at the new plant. "I think the classes at Sandersville Tech will help me broaden my skill set, which I hope will increase the number of jobs for which I would qualify when construction begins."

Plant Washington will be an 850 megawatt (MW) supercritical coal-fired power generation plant built and operated by Power4Georgians, a consortium of Georgia electric membership cooperatives. The plant is presently in the state permitting process and on schedule to commence construction in approximately 18-to-24 months.

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