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Anderson County Schools Invest in Energy Conservation and Building Improvements

Knoxville, Tenn. (January 28, 2014) – The Anderson County Commission has approved a 15-year contract with Energy Systems Group (ESG), a leading energy service provider, to design and implement a \$9.7 million energy efficiency and building modernization project throughout the Anderson County School District.

The seventeen county schools will receive energy improvements including upgrades to heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, electrical systems, new windows, energy efficient lights, water conservation measures, advanced energy management controls and new suspended ceiling systems.

“This partnership with ESG allows the School System to address significant facility upgrade needs which will enhance the safety and quality of the learning environment while contributing toward our goals for environmental stewardship. It is important to note that this is a sound economic decision as well. The savings from energy reduction will more than pay for implementation,” said Larry M. Foster, Director of Schools.

“We commend the Anderson County School District for its innovative leadership in enhancing the learning environment for students while embracing environmental stewardship and sustainability,” said Russ Nelson ESG Business Development Manager.

In addition to providing the School System with over \$620,000 in annual energy savings, this sustainable project is helping provide environmental benefits equivalent to the following:

- Removal of emissions equivalent to over 900 cars per year, or
- Planting over 1,600 acres of forest annually, or
- Conserving enough energy to power more than 650 homes per year

Energy Systems Group (ESG), a wholly owned subsidiary of Vectren Corporation, is a leading energy services provider that specializes in providing energy efficiency, sustainability, and infrastructure improvement solutions in the government, education, healthcare and commercial sectors. ESG also designs, builds and operates landfill gas processing facilities and cogeneration plants and offers a full range of waste-to-energy and renewable energy solutions. To learn more about ESG, visit www.energysystemsgroup.com.

The Anderson County School System serves approximately 6,500+ students. The system includes nine elementary schools, four middle schools, two high schools, one career & technical center, one technology center, one alternative school, one preschool program, one adult education program, two family resource centers and support services that include food services, maintenance/ operations and a media center. The instructional program is diverse, comprehensive and designed to meet the needs of the individual child and is consistent with the mission and goals of the system. Each school has unique and emerging programs to enhance the instruction of each child. To learn more about Anderson County schools, visit <http://www.acs.ac>.

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