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AVANTech, Inc. Acquires Mid Columbia Engineering, Inc.

Columbia, SC – AVANTech, Inc., headquartered in Columbia, SC, is pleased to announce the acquisition of Mid Columbia Engineering, Inc. (MCE), a design-build firm headquartered in Richland, WA. AVANTech will integrate the skills of the MCE team to help deliver our products and services to both the US DOE Hanford Site as well as the West Coast. The combined capabilities of the organizations include specialized radioactive, hazardous, and non-hazardous liquid treatment, waste packaging products, and fabrication services worldwide. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

The expanded company will continue to focus on wastewater treatment and recycling, clean-up, and waste packaging services. AVANTech brings its engineering, design, and manufacturing capabilities which will be fully integrated with MCE's capabilities in similar arenas. Together, the two companies have provided products and services to over 175 nuclear facilities in 14 different countries.

MCE will be a division of AVANTech and continue to expand its Richland, WA manufacturing and service facility. AVANTech's corporate headquarters will remain in Columbia, SC, with its second fabrication facility near Oak Ridge, TN. All of the current employees of both MCE and AVANTech will remain with the company. Jim Braun will continue to serve as AVANTech's President and Fred Yapuncich will serve as Chief Operating Officer of the Richland facility.

Jim Braun remarked, "This acquisition enhances AVANTech's ability to deliver high quality products and services to the Hanford Site. Furthermore, this expands AVANTech's capacity with the DOE and provides us with key operations personnel and products needed to provide local services to the DOE sites at the Hanford reservation, Oak Ridge reservation, and Savannah River Site. This helps round out our DOE offering and allows additional western expansion."

"I am very excited MCE will expand its technical offerings in the nuclear market through this acquisition", stated Fred Yapuncich. "Both AVANTech and MCE, leaders in their respective areas, complement each other in one organization to make us the full-service answer to nuclear industry needs."

AVANTech is a comprehensive radioactive and industrial water treatment solutions provider. The company's extensive experience in engineering process systems enables them to create integrated solutions that dramatically improve operations in industrial, government, commercial, and nuclear power applications. The combined company has a number of patented technologies and products.

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