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Local Students Visit SEL to Celebrate National Engineering Week

PULLMAN, WA — February 19, 2014 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL), yesterday hosted 59 local eighth-grade students, representing 15 area schools, for the Getting Ready for Engineering and Technology (GREAT) Day at the company's headquarters in Pullman, Washington.

At the event, students received an introduction to electric power, a company overview, and a tour of SEL's manufacturing facilities. The day also included a panel discussion with five engineers, so that students could gain a better understanding of what it means to be a professional engineer.

"Sometimes it can be a challenge to grasp what an engineer actually does," said Jackie Peer, Director of SEL University. "Our vision for GREAT Day at SEL was to share some of the exciting things engineers work on each day and maybe inspire some students to look at careers in the engineering sciences."

The event was part of the company's ongoing effort to promote math and science education. GREAT Day was hosted in conjunction with National Engineers Week, which first began in 1951 and is held annually during the third week of February. The tradition of honoring engineers' contributions to society was initiated by the National Society of Professional Engineers and is now recognized by dozens of organizations and businesses nationwide. To learn more about National Engineers Week, please visit www.nspe.org.

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