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Demand for SEL Products Drives More Hiring Now and for Months to Come

PULLMAN, WA — August 15, 2014 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) today announced the company has more than 230 career openings and is expecting strong growth in the coming year, including in SEL Pullman’s manufacturing division.

“Our growth continues around the world and in many different markets,” said Patty Vettrus, SEL human resources manager. “We need to grow manufacturing to meet the demand for our products. We are looking for motivated individuals who want to help us manufacture products that protect and control power systems. It’s a rewarding and challenging career.”

That career can lead down many paths, according to SEL Line Lead Dana Elder. Elder has worked for SEL for 15 years. He started as an entry-level assembler and now is a line lead coordinating production for three teams in the Surface-Mount Technology (SMT) area.

“I worked in sales for 15 years before coming to SEL,” Elder said. “I was on the road all the time and wanted to be home with my family. SEL offers on-the-job training, and there is so much to learn right here. Plus, being an employee owner means I can provide ideas and suggestions. You feel like a real part of the team.”

In February SEL won an Association of Washington Business award in the Innovative Benefits and Compensation category. That award recognized the company for an employment package that goes beyond the traditional benefits of medical, vision, dental, and 401K. SEL operates a free medical clinic; has wellness trainers on staff; offers adoption assistance; provides life, death, and disability insurance; and is 100 percent employee-owned. After one year at the company, employees participate in an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) at no cost to themselves.

SEL has 128 positions currently open in Pullman, including about two dozen in manufacturing assembly. The number of openings is expected to increase in the next few months as demand for products increases. To learn more about career opportunities at SEL, visit www.selinc.com/p209.

SEL is an employee-owned company serving the power industry worldwide for more than thirty years through the design, manufacture, supply, and support of products and services for power system protection, monitoring, control, automation, and metering. SEL offers unmatched local technical support, a worldwide, ten-year product warranty, and a commitment to making electric power safer, more reliable, and more economical.

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