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USA: AREVA major contractor in TVA's Bellefonte 1 nuclear plant completion

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AREVA will serve as a key member of the team of contract partners helping the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) complete the partially finished Bellefonte 1 nuclear power plant in northern Alabama.

AREVA's scope includes engineering, construction and component-replacement work on the plant's nuclear systems as well as fuel design and fabrication. AREVA will also supply a digital reactor Instrumentation & Control system, a completely modernized control room, and a plant simulator for training operations personnel.

"AREVA is pleased to support TVA as it completes its Bellefonte 1 nuclear plant incorporating advanced safety features," said Luc Oursel, CEO of AREVA. "AREVA has a longstanding relationship with TVA and looks forward to continuing success with this project to help safely provide clean and low-cost power for TVA's customers."

When complete, the 1,260 Megawatt pressurized water reactor will be one of the United States' most modern nuclear plants and will produce enough electricity to supply approximately 750,000 households.

"We suspended Bellefonte construction due to slower than expected demand growth years ago," said TVA Chief Operating Officer Bill McCollum. "Following the TVA Board vote last month to complete Bellefonte 1, it is now scheduled for completion in the 2020 timeframe. When complete, the plant will produce safe and reliable electricity for the Tennessee Valley Authority."

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Ranked first in the global nuclear power industry, AREVA's unique integrated offering to utilities covers every stage of the fuel cycle, nuclear reactor design and construction, and related services. The group is also expanding in renewable energies – wind, solar, bioenergies, hydrogen and storage – to be one of the top three in this sector worldwide in 2012.

With these two major offers, AREVA's 48,000 employees are helping to supply ever safer, cleaner and more economical energy to the greatest number of people.