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### GE Edison Award Directed to University of Florida

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.—February 27, 2015**—GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) today presented the University of Florida Nuclear Engineering Program with a \$25,000 donation. The donation was presented to the university by GEH Chief Consulting Engineer Glen Watford as part of a GE Edison Award that he received in 2014.

The Edison Award is presented to select individuals across GE every year in recognition of outstanding technical contributions that have resulted in growth for the company. Watford was presented the award by GE Chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt for his contributions to GE's nuclear businesses over the past 35 years. Watford is one of seven GE scientists and engineers to receive the award last year.

As part of the award, GE donated \$25,000 to an academic organization of Watford's choosing. The GE Edison Scholarship will be used to support undergraduate students for the next five years at the University of Florida's Nuclear Engineering Program.

"I was very fortunate to receive a high quality education from the University of Florida and I was strongly influenced by their outstanding professors," Watford said. "I am honored that GE has allowed me to in turn provide support to future students to help them achieve their goals of getting a great education at the start of a new career."

Watford graduated with a BS degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Florida in 1979 and joined GE's Edison Engineering program in San Jose, CA. Since then he has worked in all facets of the nuclear business including new plant design, fuel design and optimization as well as technology development in support of operating reactors around the world. Watford also has an MS degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.