



Upcoming Events

Sept. 30 — Oct. 2

IAMU Fall Conference

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Basic SWPPP &

Inspections Workshop

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Advanced SWPPP &

Inspections Workshop

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November 18 — 20

Water/Wastewater Operators

Training Workshop

Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines

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"Jumpstart" program will require utility cooperation



◆ Governor Culver has announced a new assistance program for certain Iowa homeowners and small business owners whose property was damaged by the severe weather of 2008.

The "Jumpstart Iowa" Disaster Recovery Initiative will provide financial assistance to small business owners and homeowners who suffered damage due to severe weather in the spring and summer of this year. Included in the program is up to \$10,000 to homeowners and up to \$5,000 to small business owners for the purchase of qualifying energy efficient equipment. Money for energy efficient equipment is being provided by the Iowa Power Fund. Funds will be distributed by the Councils of Government (COGs) beginning October 1, 2008 (exceptions to COG distribution may occur in a few large cities).

While this will not directly impact municipal utilities, they will still have two main responsibilities:

1. Knowledge of the program in order to inform customers about it and where to refer inquiries.
2. To supply information to the COGs regarding utility rebate programs. Utility rebate programs will figure into the distribution of recovery funds to individual utility customers.

Counties covered by the FEMA Iowa Disaster Declaration as of 8/26/08 are covered by the Jumpstart Iowa program. To determine if your county is included, use this link to the Disaster Declaration map:

<http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=9867>

Municipal utilities in the counties covered by the program are strongly urged to immediately to the following:

- ☑ Designate a contact person in your city of utility for COG communication.
- ☑ Prepare a list of all residential and small commercial customers who have been affected by severe weather in 2008.
- ☑ Assemble a list of current customer rebates in effect as of May 25, 2008.
- ☑ Assemble a list of all residential and small business customers who have received rebates on or after May 25, 2008.



Do your part to help your customers take advantage of this important recovery program!

You may soon be contacted by representatives of your COG seeking this information.

Communication and cooperation with your local COG is essential for this program to properly benefit your utility customers with their recovery efforts.

If you are not able to satisfactorily answer questions from your customers about the program, they should be referred to your regional COG office. For your office's contact information, use this link:

<http://www.iarcog.com/FindCOG.htm>

For more information about Jumpstart Iowa, use the following links:

http://www.governor.iowa.gov/news/2008/09/15_1.php

http://rio.iowa.gov/news/releases/092208_jumpstart_funding.html



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Current Transformers Wanted!



Does your electric utility have used CTs no longer in service?

Replacing substation equipment?

Please consider donating to IAMU for training purposes. All ratios and rating factors will be considered.

Contact Eric Stoll at IAMU: 800-810-4268 or estoll@iamu.org.

Iowa is part of joint transmission planning initiative

◆ **Iowa has partnered with four other Upper Midwest states in a joint planning effort that will promote regional electric transmission investment and cost sharing.** The Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative is to identify necessary Upper Midwest wind generation resources and the transmission projects and infrastructure needed to support those resources in a cost effective manner. It is also intended to determine a reasonable allocation of those costs for the region.

Iowa joins Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin in this initiative, which will be conducted over the next 12 months and will develop a concrete plan or tariff proposal for the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO). These states will coordinate efforts with state regulatory agencies, transmission companies, utilities, independent generation owners, and other key parties. The initiative will also work closely with MISO, which is conducting a variety of transmission planning studies with results expected during 2009.

"I'm committed to Iowa's continued production of renewable energy," said Iowa Governor Chet Culver. "This collaboration on electric transmission development continues and strengthens our goal of making Iowa the renewable energy capital of the United States. A critical issue is cost sharing, and I am confident that this group of like-minded states can work through that difficult issue."

"The time is right for planning and coordination between these states in the Midwest ISO," said Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty. "As states in the region increase their use of wind energy, planning on how best to locate wind farms and other renewable sources and build the necessary transmission infrastructure to support them is crucial."

"This effort complements and meshes very well with ongoing initiatives at MISO and the Midwest Governors Association (MGA)," said Governor Michael Rounds of South Dakota, who is also the current MGA Chair.

"Coordinated transmission planning centered on renewable energy is critical to providing a diverse supply of affordable, clean energy to our region," said Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle. "The coordinated transmission planning we are announcing today matches the recommendations made in a report by Wisconsin's Global Warming Task Force."

"The positive economic implications of sound energy planning are already apparent in North Dakota," said North Dakota Governor John Hoeven. "Regional cooperation and preplanning by North Dakota and the four other states involved in this initiative will help to attract new transmission investments that are timely and well-designed to expedite wind energy development in our state and our region."

The Upper Midwest Transmission Development Initiative plans to hold its first meeting in October on a date to be determined. After that initial meeting, a project timeline, scope statement, work plan, and identification of appropriate stakeholders will be made available.

Huxley group awarded IUB weatherization grant



◆ **The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB), in the fourth year of the Iowa Weatherization Challenge, has awarded the Huxley Enhancement and Recreational Organization (HERO) of Huxley with the first-ever \$5,000 Community Grant.** This Community Grant was available to just one participating Iowa community, with a population of 10,000 or less. The grant funds are to be used to purchase supplies to weatherize homes in the community and educate residents on the importance of weatherization and energy efficiency.

In its grant application, HERO stated they hope to reduce the impact that rising energy costs have on residents in their community, especially those on fixed incomes such as elderly or disabled individuals. The group will host two free informational seminars for the community in mid-October and again in mid-November. HERO will also organize a community weatherization event where trained volunteers will weatherize homes of elderly, disabled, and low-income residents of the community.

In addition to the \$5,000 Community Grant, the Iowa Weatherization Challenge also offers matching grants of up to \$500 for groups interested in organizing weatherization events. Participating groups or organizations applying for the matching grants are asked to raise initial funds up to \$500 for their projects. These grants must be used to help weatherize homes and provide educational materials in Iowa communities and projects are to be completed by November 30, 2008.



14TH ANNUAL WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATOR'S TRAINING WORKSHOP

Land acquisition course to be offered this fall

◆ **Two volumes of the 2008 Land Acquisition Design course are scheduled for November and December, 2008.** The

course is designed to help attendees understand and implement land acquisition and relocation assistance law, rules, policies and procedures. It may be of interest to cities and utilities which have faced challenges with rail issues. Recommended attendees include city and county engineers, attorneys and right of way agents.

The dates for the course are November 11 – 12 and December 9 – 10 at the Quality Inn and Suites Starlite Village Conference Center in Ames. More information is available at www.grahamlad.com.

McCain, Obama energy, climate policy positions

◆ **The Washington, D.C. law firm of VanNess Feldman has provided IAMU with a general summary of energy and climate policy positions of presidential candidates Senators John McCain and Barack Obama.**

To view the summary, go to the IAMU website, www.iamu.org, and click on the link on the front page.

IAMU Water/Wastewater Workshop Nov. 18 — 20

◆ **The 14th edition of IAMU's popular Water and Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop will take place November 18 – 20 at the Holiday Inn Northwest in Des Moines.** The workshop has become a valued tool for water and wastewater professionals to gain valuable knowledge in many areas, which can then be applied to their own systems. 1.2 CEUs toward certification can be obtained.

As in previous workshops, a portion of the time will be devoted to individual "tracks" to best serve officials from varying disciplines in water treatment, water distribution, wastewater, operations and management. A tour of the Des Moines Water Works' L.D. McMullen Plant will be held prior to the start of the workshop November 18. An extra 0.1 Water Treatment CEU will be available for those who take part (separate registration for the tour is required, and is limited to the first 40 individuals who sign up).

Highlighted general workshop speakers will include Ted Corrigan of the Des Moines Water Works and Jerry Ostendorf of Iowa Homeland Security. The popular Ivan Webber of the Ahlers Law Firm will again provide his important look at legal issues faced by water and wastewater operators.

A workshop brochure and registration form has been distributed. Registration may be done on the IAMU website, <http://www.iamu.org/calendar/index.asp> (click on "November" on the workshop calendar). Registration for the entire workshop or for individual days is available. The registration deadline is November 3. A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Northwest. To reserve a room, call 515-278-4755 by October 28.

For more information contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.

IAMU members can join procurement association



◆ **Public purchasers in Iowa now have the opportunity to join the Iowa Public Procurement Association, the 76th chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP).** The individual membership fee is \$20 per year.

NIGP is a national, membership-based non-profit educational and technical organization providing support to professionals in the public sector purchasing profession. The chapter will host a full day of learning and networking opportunities for Iowa public purchasers November 19, 2008, at the Wallace State Office Building Auditorium in Des Moines. Among the agenda items is a presentation entitled "Bid Evaluations: Practical Applications of Responsiveness and Responsibility" by Michael Bevis, CPPO, CPM. Mr. Bevis is the Chief Procurement Officer for the City of Naperville, Illinois, and an NIGP regional director.

For more information about the Iowa Public Procurement Association or the November conference, contact Luana Stoneking, CPPB, Purchasing Agent, City of Ames, at 515-239-5127 or lstoneking@city.ames.ia.us.

Voter education project from auditor association



◆ **The Iowa State Association of County Auditors has launched a voter education project to assist Iowa voters who want to register and/or vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election.**

The project consists of 18 slide presentations on various subjects, including: election equipment, absentee voting, Election Day voter registration, provisional ballots, and absentee voting by Iowans serving in the military or living outside the U.S. The slide presentations will be available for use on public access cable channels at www.iowaauditors.org.

For additional information contact: Ken Kline at kkline@co.cerro-gordo.ia.us or 641-421-3034; or Judy Clark at jclark@co.page.ia.us or 712-542-3219.

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