



### Upcoming Events

**October 7 — 9, 2009**  
**IAMU Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Des Moines — Airport/Conference Center. Register/more information: [Here](#)**

**November 17 — 19, 2009**  
**15th Annual Water and Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop, Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines. Register/more information: [Here](#)**

### Water/Wastewater Workshop registration now available



◆ **The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual IAMU Water and Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop is set for November 17—19 at the Holiday Inn**

**Northwest in Des Moines.** The workshop will again offer both basic and advanced information in a wide range of topics presented in large group sessions and in multiple "tracks."

A pre-workshop group tour of the Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Facility will be offered November 17 (space is limited – register early).

Participants may register for any single workshop day or all three. More information and registration is available on the IAMU web site. Click [here](#).

IAMU Annual Conference 2009

## Embracing Change

*Supporting Tradition*

**IAMU Annual Conference**  
**Oct. 7-8-9**  
For agenda and registration, click [here](#)

## Annual Conference this week: Last chance to register!



◆ **Utility members: There's still time to register for the IAMU Annual Conference this week.** Join your fellow association members, utility supporters and industry professionals for timely discussion of hot topics, casual activities and networking this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Des Moines – Airport/Conference Center, 6111 Fleur Drive, across from the Des Moines International Airport.



The conference will begin with back-to-back sessions presented by internationally recognized speaker Gary Higbee, who will make a return to the Annual Conference after an initial appearance in 2007. Mr. Higbee will speak about leadership and communication as it relates to business and personal settings, and the important subject of customer service in today's challenging economic times. Following Mr. Higbee, the subject of current legislative and regulatory issues, more important now than any other time in recent memory, will be presented by IAMU staff members. Day one of the conference will wrap up with the traditional banquet and award ceremony.

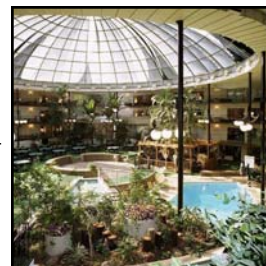


*Mark Crisson, APPA (top); John Erickson, APGA (center); and Gary Higbee, Higbee & Associates (bottom) are among featured speakers at the IAMU Annual Conference.*

Mark Crisson, President and CEO of the American Public Power Association, will lead off day two activities when he speaks about national energy policy topics, including climate change, new infrastructure, restructured markets, rail service, stimulus funding and more. Another special guest, John Erickson, Vice President of Operations for the American Public Gas Association, will present two concurrent sessions regarding DIMP and SHRIMP software for gas operators. Other topics covered will include IPERS in a tough economy; Midwest ISO; energy efficiency conservation block grants; the State of Iowa water plan; Midwest Municipal Transmission Group and the CPAX process; and more.

The final day of the conference will include the always popular Issues Fair, with numerous topics presented in rotating small group "roundtables."

Register for the conference online at [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org) (look for the Utility Member registration link on the site's home page. Please note that the registration fee is now \$250 per person). Questions? Call IAMU at 800-810-4268.



## New compressed gas vehicle facility gets APGA nod



◆ **A new Alabama manufacturing facility will turn out vehicles with compressed natural gas as their primary fuel source.** Hybrid Kinetic Motors (HK) has announced the facility will be built in Bay Minette, AL and will manufacture one million natural gas hybrid vehicles per year by 2018 – including cars, taxis, CUVs, SUVs trucks and vans. The company will also manufacture and sell home fueling equipment.

Bob Bearegard of the American Public Gas Association (APGA) attended celebratory events surrounding the announcement and pledged APGA's total support of the partnership between HK and State of Alabama.

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