



### 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  
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**Oct. 7-8-9**  
**Discount registration ends October 2!**  
For agenda and registration, click [here](#)



## I-JOBS bill provides funds for water, stormwater use

◆ The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) has announced the State Jobs bill (Senate File 376, commonly called I-JOBS) has allocated \$55 million to a new Water Quality Financial Assistance Program. The I-JOBS program has been modified to include projects for drinking water systems. The purpose of the program is to provide additional financial assistance to communities receiving loans from the Iowa water pollution control works and drinking water facilities financing program.

The bill provides two funds: \$35 million to communities with populations less than 10,000 for water quality and wastewater projects (Small Community Fund); and the remaining \$20 million to communities with populations over 10,000 (Large Community Fund) for water or wastewater projects. Every recipient also receives a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and grants will be matched with low-interest loans. All projects must be eligible for SRF. The deadline for applications for the Large Community Fund is October 30. For more information contact Lori Beary at IFA, 515-725-4965 or [lori.beary@iowa.gov](mailto:lori.beary@iowa.gov).



In addition, through the I-JOBS Green Urban Stormwater program, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has more than \$1.4 million available in grants to help Iowa organizations design and build post-construction green urban stormwater practices, such as rain gardens, bioswales and permeable pavement.



Organizations may apply for \$10,000 to \$100,000, or 50 percent of installation costs, whichever is less. They must also provide a 50 percent local match of funds. Applications may be for multiple practices at more than one location. To apply, visit [www.iowadnr.gov/rfp.html](http://www.iowadnr.gov/rfp.html) beginning October 15 and click on "I-JOBS Improvement Green Urban Storm water Best Management Practices."

## EPC sets annual fee for water use, aquifer permitting



◆ The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission has set the annual fee of \$135 for any water use permit or aquifer storage and recovery permit. Anyone diverting or withdrawing more than 25,000 gallons in a single day during a year from groundwater or surface water is required to have a water use withdrawal permit. Public water supplies are among entities covered by this fee.

There is no annual fee for a water storage permit, which is permitted for the life of the structure, or a minor non-recurring water use registration, which is a one-year permit. Fee notices have been mailed and the fee is due by December 1, 2009. For questions contact Charlotte Lafargue Henderson ([charlotte.henderson@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:charlotte.henderson@dnr.iowa.gov) or 515/725-0341), Skipp Slattenow ([skipp.slattenow@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:skipp.slattenow@dnr.iowa.gov) or 515/725-0461), or Jim Neleigh ([jim.neleigh@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:jim.neleigh@dnr.iowa.gov) or 515/725-0276).

## Geothermal heat pump course from Energy Center



◆ Valuable information regarding geothermal heat pump systems can be gained by attending the Iowa Energy Center's Geothermal Heat Pump Systems training course November 10 – 12 at the Center's Energy Resource Station in Ankeny.

The three-day IGSHPA (International Ground Source Heat Pump Association)-accredited installer training venue will aid municipal utility representatives who may promote geothermal heat pumps in their communities in the future. Utilities may also want to make local contractors aware of the course and perhaps help sponsor them to attend.

A course brochure and registration form is available on the Iowa Energy Center web site at [www.energy.iastate.edu](http://www.energy.iastate.edu). Call Denise Junod at 515-965-7055 for more information or to register.