



**Upcoming Events**

April 2, 2010

Competent Person Workshop.  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 5 – 9, 2010

Gas Bootcamp Operator Qualification Workshop. Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 7 – 8, 2010

“Municipal Utilities 2030” Workshop, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny. Register/more information: [Here](#)

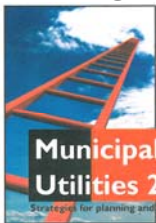
April 14 –15, 21 –22 , 29 –30, 2010

Consumer Confidence Report Workshops (various locations). Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 15, 2010

Gas Fire Control Workshop.

**Municipal Utilities 2030 is coming; are you registered?**



◆ In one of the most important conferences ever undertaken by IAMU, Municipal Utilities 2030 will address many changes and challenges that will face municipal utilities in coming years.

A number of urgent topics presented by high qualified speakers will fill the agenda April 7&8 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny. Utility managers, board/council members and engineers are among those who will benefit from attending Municipal Utilities 2030.



A special room rate of \$92 per night is available at the Courtyard by Marriott Ankeny through March 17.

A conference brochure and registration are available by clicking [here](#).

**Culver signs reorganization bill, touts reform, savings**

◆ Governor Chet Culver has signed Senate File 2088, a state government reorganization measure that will save Iowa taxpayers about \$125 million.

“I am proud to sign this bill into law today as real reform in state government,” Governor Culver said. “This is truly a bipartisan success story, with legislators and government leaders united in our efforts to find cost-savings and efficiencies at every level. I want to thank all who share my commitment to streamlining government on behalf of hardworking Iowa families.”



Together, Governor Culver’s Executive Order Number 20, the early retirement package for state employees, and the government reorganization bill, save Iowa taxpayers a total of \$270 million. Savings from government reorganization will help mitigate the need for future budget cuts and allow for a balanced budget without raising taxes on Iowans. The bill includes cost savings based on increased efficiencies in personnel management and new advances in the uses of technology.

**\$155 million SRF/ARRA fund for Iowa water projects**



◆ Governor Culver has announced the state recently allocated more than \$155 million to 79 water quality projects across Iowa through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), including sewage system upgrades and improved drinking water treatment. The United States Congress allocated \$77 million in ARRA funding to Iowa – \$53 million for clean water projects and \$24 million for drinking water improvement projects. Regular SRF dollars supplemented the federal stimulus money.

Wastewater projects include the construction of new treatment facilities, upgrade of sewer systems, correction of combined sewer overflows and storm water management projects. Drinking water infrastructure projects include the construction of water



treatment facilities, water storage, upgrade of distribution systems and development of new water sources.

**All states meet ARRA deadline; no reallocation of funds coming**



◆ Nanci Gelb, Deputy Director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ground Water & Drinking Water, has informed officials in Iowa (and all other states and territories) that they met the requirement to have all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds under contract or construction by February 17, 2010.

Therefore, there will be no reallocation and reallocation of ARRA Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) funds.

Bluffs and Charles City, and replacement of water meters with newer leak-detecting models in Dubuque and other cities.

A complete list of the projects listed by city is available [here](#). For more information about ARRA or SRF funding, contact Patti Cale-Finnegan at (515) 725-0498 or [Patti.Cale-Finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Patti.Cale-Finnegan@dnr.iowa.gov) or click [here](#).

“Each community received 20 percent to 50 percent of the project costs in loan forgiveness, helping keep user rates down while improving water and sewer infrastructure,” said Patti Cale-Finnegan, Department of Natural Resources SRF coordinator.

Congress stipulated that at least 20 percent of the ARRA projects must be “green.” Cale-Finnegan said some new and innovative green projects include the construction of a wind turbine to supply electricity to the wastewater facility in Osage, the installation of pervious pavers to reduce runoff by cleaning water as it seeps directly down to the soil in Council