



### Upcoming Events

June 8, 2011

**Underground Storage Tank Training Workshop**

Register/more information: [Here](#)

June 16 & 17, 2011

**Small Utility GIS Mapping Workshop (two sep. workshops)**

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August 17, 2011

**Street Lighting Workshop**

Register/more information: [Here](#)

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a link for the full list of courses, is available on the IAMU web site home page, [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org)



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## Registration for street lighting workshop is now open



◆ **Registration for IAMU's street lighting workshop is now open.** Register for "Understanding Street Lighting Technology & Science" on the IAMU web site [here](#). The fee is \$65 per person and lunch is included.



The workshop will be held from **9 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. August 17, 2011** at IAMU's Training & Office Complex in Ankeny and will look at many aspects of energy efficient street lighting with the expertise of three preeminent researchers on lighting technology, design, safety, and health from the Lighting Research Center (LRC) at Rensselaer Polytechnic in Troy, NY: **John Bullough**, Senior Research Scientist at LRC; **Leora Radetsky**, Lead Research Specialist; and **Jeremy Snyder**, Manager of Energy Efficiency Programs and Director of the National Lighting Product Information Program. See the workshop brochure on the IAMU web site for a detailed listing of topics.



The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 1:15 p.m., following a break for lunch. The event is co-sponsored by **Western Area Power Administration** and funded in part by a grant from the **Iowa Energy Center**.



**A smaller collaborative session** will begin at 1:30 p.m. for IAMU members interested in considering demonstration projects that utilize findings of the research and which address a question posed to LRC by IAMU. That question is: *"What lighting designs and technology would be used to light streets and public spaces in the most energy efficient, safest, and reasonably affordable way, if the answer is not constrained by past lighting practices, current codes, or existing fixtures?"* IAMU has invited key stakeholders to participate in the collaborative, including the Iowa Utilities Board, Office of Consumer Advocate, Office of Energy Independence, Iowa Energy Center, and the Center for Transportation Research & Education in Ames. Two or three other stakeholders will also be invited. **The Association is looking for up to 12 utility members to be represented in the collaborative – utilities that have a strong interest in lighting demonstration projects that goes beyond replacing existing fixtures.** IAMU will work with members to identify potential grant funding for these projects. Space in the collaborative is limited. Member utilities interested in taking part should call Bob Haug at 800-810-4268 or email [bhaug@iamu.org](mailto:bhaug@iamu.org).

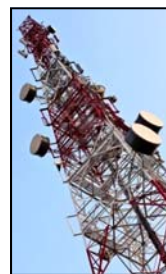


## Muscatine, Spencer join IAMU in FCC comment filing

◆ **On May 27, 2011, IAMU, Muscatine Power & Water, and Spencer Municipal Utilities joined APPA and other municipal telecommunications utilities in filing joint comments in response to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding changes to its retransmission consent negotiation rules.**



The NPRM sought comment on various proposals to: (1) "provide more guidance to the negotiating parties on good-faith negotiation requirements;" (2) "improve notice to consumers in advance of possible service interruptions caused by impasses in retransmission consent negotiations;" and (3) "eliminate the Commission's network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules, which provide a means for parties to enforce certain contractual rights to network or syndicated programming through the Commission rather than the courts."



The comments commend the FCC for issuing the NPRM and state that it is a "necessary first step in reforming the retransmission consent process...which has grown increasingly acrimonious, dysfunctional, and detrimental to the interests of the public." They also note how the current retransmission consent process "provides little, if any, incentive for broadcasters to do anything but hold (multichannel video programming distributors) and their consumers hostage to ever increasing prices and unwanted services." This is especially true for small, competitive facilities based cable operators who "often have little choice but to comply with the ever-increasing demands of the broadcasters." A copy of the joint comments is available [here](#).