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Upcoming Events

November 15 — 17, 2011
Water and Wastewater Operator's Training Workshop, Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines
Register/more information: [Here](#)

November 15, 2011
Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, Iowa City
Register/more information: [Here](#)

November 18, 2011
Construction Site Pollution Prevention Inspector Training, Sioux City
Register/more information: [Here](#)

November 21, 2011
Municipal Telephone Taxation Workshop **Register/more information:** cdean@iamu.org

December 8, 2011
Stormwater Design Training
Register/more information: [Here](#)

OSHA legal agreement on crane, derrick rules

◆ The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) has reached agreement with the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) to exempt digger derricks used to install electric power transmission and distribution lines from OSHA's new cranes and derricks standard.

The updated version of the cranes and derricks rule ([here](#)) includes certification requirements for crane and derrick operators and procedural rules for working around power lines. EEI challenged OSHA in court, arguing for an exception for digger derricks and other equipment electric utilities use to set up transmission lines. OSHA must begin a rulemaking to exempt all digger derrick operations covered by Subpart V and must issue a letter of interpretation to EEI clarifying voltage information exchange requirements and that utilities do not have to de-energize power lines.



Big turnout at Regional Meetings; documents are posted



Independence (top) and Spencer were two Regional Meeting sites. Thanks to all IAMU members who hosted the meetings.

◆ IAMU staff members traveled the state in recent weeks hosting the association's 2011 Regional Meetings – bringing important news about IAMU programs and services directly to members in half-day face-to-face presentations. A total of 135 IAMU member utility representatives were on hand, representing 56 utilities (48 electric, 47 water, 18 gas and 17 telecommunication utilities).

A number of topics were discussed, and many of the documents distributed at the Regional Meetings have now been posted on the IAMU web site. They include: "IAMU Utility Clerk Certification;" "Interconnection Tool Box for Customer-Owned Renewable Electric Generating Facilities;" "Hot Topics Discussions;" "IAMU Activities Summary;" "Legislative and Political Report;" IAMU's Professional Utility Leadership Link (PULL) Program;" "State of Electric and Gas Municipalities 2010;" "Does MISO (Midwest Independent System Operator) Need a Capacity Market?;" "Enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;" and "Energy Efficiency Reporting."

All of the above documents can be accessed on the Members Only page of the IAMU web site [here](#).

Utility Clerk Certification is new IAMU member program

◆ Advancement of the city clerk profession among IAMU members will take a large step forward with IAMU's new Utility Clerk Certification program. It has been developed to provide recognition for job knowledge for clerks and camaraderie among these professionals.



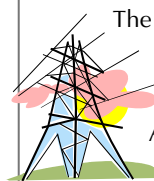
Utility clerk certification builds on existing programs through the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute ([here](#)): Certified Municipal Clerk and Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association (IMFOA) Certified Municipal Finance Officer ([here](#)). Course work completed for the existing certification programs will apply to the Utility Clerk's Certification.

Requirements of the program include 100 hours of qualifying course work in standard, flexible and specialized curricula; three years' experience as a utility clerk or its equivalent; and employment by an IAMU utility member or associate member at the time the certificate is awarded.

A document about the program was distributed at the recent IAMU Regional Meetings and can be accessed on the IAMU web site [here](#). More information can be obtained from Cindy Kendall, Iowa State University, at 515-290-1811.

Interconnection Tool Box looks at customer-owned renewables

◆ IAMU has developed an "Interconnection Tool Box for Customer-Owned Renewable Electric Generating Facilities," based on the number of inquiries from member utilities reflecting a growing interest in customer-owned renewable generation.



The Interconnection Tool Box, which addresses renewable generators of 25kW or fewer, is nearly complete, and is currently under review. A draft document can be viewed in the Members Only section of the IAMU web site [here](#).

Contents include: Legal Obligation to Interconnect with Qualifying Facilities; Experience of Selected Iowa Municipal Utilities with Interconnection and Net Metering; Zoning for Customer-Owned Distributed Renewable Generation; Other Helpful Resources; and Interconnection Standards for Parallel Installation and Operation of Customer-Owned Renewable Electric Generating Facilities.



The Interconnection Tool Box document was also distributed at the recent IAMU Regional Meetings.



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