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To: CSWEA Executive Committee  
From: LaMont Albers, PWO Representative  
RE: PWO Report  
Date: May 12, 2007

The 2007 Operations Challenge will be held in San Diego during the annual WEF conference in October.

The team members will again be selected by the Committee and our 2006 Coaches Jim Miller and Rick Ashling. Members of our Industry that can participate by CSWEA By-Laws are Award recipients, past competitors, and Individual State Competition winners. The teams consist of four (4) members each and the Coach. CSWEA teams are unique to the WEF Challenge for being made up of members from different States and employers.

The competitors are eligible for financial support for expenses not reimbursed by their employer. CSWEA provides up to \$ 750.00 per competitor for un-reimbursed expenses. The State Sections and State Operator Associations support them in a similar fashion.

We also, solicit sponsors to help defray some of the expenses CSWEA incurs for this event. Please, feel free to donate or provide vender information so they can receive donation information.

We will rely on the support of the Team members' employers and continued financial support of CSWEA, Venders, State sections and State operator organizations.

The goal of this event is to provide continued education, professional growth and camaraderie between the participants. The continued backing of this group will truly provide for the future of this organization. I know that many past and present Officers, Committee members, and future Leadership has been a part of this event.

The next PWO Representative, Mr. Howard Jacobson, of Duluth, MN is a great example of our mission to promote membership involvement with the operation and the future of this MA. Howard has participated in past Challenges, and a long standing member of the organization.

They plan on holding practice sessions during the year to provide an opportunity for competitors to learn skills needed to compete in a wide range of events; practice on test equipment and lean to function as a team prior to the challenge at WEFTEC.