



The Central States Water Environment Association

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Greetings,

I would like to introduce you to the Student Design Competition sponsored by the Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA). This year, the CSWEA competition will be held on the afternoon of **Monday, April 9, 2018**, the day before the CSWEA Education Seminar at Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison WI. This is a great opportunity to participate in the Competitions and attend the Education Seminar the following day.

The Student Design Competition is described in detail on the attached announcement. There are three different categories in the Design Competition; Wastewater Design, Environmental Design and the Global Water Stewardship Project. This is a unique opportunity for students at the college level to demonstrate their engineering skills and practices by researching and preparing a design for a water quality based project and presenting their project to water industry professionals. The competition at the CSWEA level is intended to feed into the national competition at the annual WEFTEC conference, which this year is scheduled for September 29 – October 3, 2018 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Student Design Competition is designed to be a function of the WEF Student Chapters program however a WEF Student Chapter is not required to compete. CSWEA does not require WEF student membership to participate in the competition but the winning team will have to ultimately be WEF student members to participate in the WEF competition in New Orleans. However, CSWEA will provide student membership enrollment in WEF for teams / individuals who represent CSWEA at WEFTEC.

The State Sections (Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota) of CSWEA have budgeted funds to assist individuals or teams from their State to present at the CSWEA competition event in April. We understand it is hard to schedule students to participate and will be as flexible as possible in working with students and professors to afford the opportunity to participate on the design competition date. Design projects from 1st semester are eligible along with Design projects that are being developed as part of a 2nd semester class. Please read over the attached announcement and provide this information to any interested students in the water quality field that you feel may benefit from such an experience.

I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or if you need additional information on how to participate in these events. I can be contacted by phone at (815) 762-5919 or email at mholland@kishwrd.com.

Best Regards;

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