

28th Annual Residuals and Biosolids Conference Sustainability Made Simple: Facilitating Resource Recovery

May 18 – 21, 2014 Austin Convention Center Austin, Texas

ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: August 14, 2013

The Water Environment Federation's Residuals and Biosolids Committee, in cooperation with the Water Environment Association of Texas is sponsoring a specialty conference on residuals and biosolids management.

The Conference Program Committee is soliciting abstracts for oral presentations, workshops, and panel discussions to be presented at the conference. Conference topics being considered include the following:

- A. Advances in Stabilization Technologies
- B. Bioenergy from Residuals
- C. Sustainable Residuals Use and Marketing
- D. Building Support for Biosolids Programs
- E. Conditioning and Dewatering Technologies
- F. Facilities Operation, Management, and Planning
- G. Future Opportunities and Emerging Technologies

- H. Regulatory, Policy, and Legislative Trends
- I. Odor and Pathogen Control
- J. Research and Development Activities
- K. Southwest Regional Issues
- L. Success Stories and Lessons Learned
- M. Leveraging Resource Recovery Opportunities
- N. Thermal Processes

Abstracts should be no longer than two pages in length. Abstracts must be submitted via the online system, with tables and graphics uploaded separately. To submit an abstract, please visit www.wef.org/ResidualsBiosolids. **Abstracts must be received no later midnight Eastern on August 14, 2013.** YPs and new professionals – the Program Committee is interested in attracting new professionals into WEF and the biosolids sector. Please contact WEF if you have questions about abstract preparation or would like to become more involved in the WEF Residuals and Biosolids Committee.

Abstracts will be evaluated and ranked for selection based on their total score using criteria in the following table:

| Abstract Evaluation Criteria – Residuals and Biosolids Specialty Conference | | | | | |
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| Scoring Level | Originality | Status of Project | Technical Content | Benefits & Significance | Quality |
| 1 | Nothing new | Just an idea with no plan or results to evaluate | Just a concept | Of no interest to audience | Minimal text, limited discussion of project |
| 2 | Chance of small improvement | Idea with well developed plan but no results | Well defined concept and clear objectives | Modest benefit to focused audience | Clear relevant text but no tables or figures |
| 3 | Modest incremental improvement | Interesting results but much work remaining | Well defined concept, clear objectives and methods | Modest benefit to broad audience | Clear text and either one table or figure |
| 4 | Very significant incremental improvement | Preliminary results demonstrating good potential for success | Clear objectives and methods. Outcomes suggested but not fully described | High interest and benefit to focused audience | Clear text with figures and tables but presentation or logic could be improved |
| 5 | Potential breakthrough | Idea fully developed, plan completed and well documented results | Clear objectives, methods described, and (anticipated) conclusions outlined | Broad benefits to broad audience | Well written logical text with high quality figures and tables |

Selected abstract authors will be notified in November and will need to complete a draft and final manuscript and PowerPoint presentation. Manuscripts and PowerPoint presentations will be reviewed by session moderators and subject to revision or rejection if lacking in quality or if they too closely resemble a sales pitch. In accordance with Federation policy, accepted authors who do not submit the required draft and final manuscript prior to the deadline will be removed from the program. Presenters are expected to register for the Conference and pay the appropriate registration fee. No travel or assistance funds are available for speakers.

For questions or additional information, please contact: Water Environment Federation, Education and Training - Residuals and Biosolids 2014, Email: Biosolids2014@wef.org or Phone: 703-684-2400 ext. 7450.