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Cover Story

Water Problems in the Middle East

An Engineer Reflects on Growing up in Jordan

By Laith Al-Faqih

Some of Jordan's poor live in tent communities and keep drinking water in tanks as shown above. Photo by Laith Al-Faqih.

Water is the root of life at any place. It is the engine that pushes industry, agriculture, economy, and services. Water affects many aspects of life and life without water is hard.

I was born and raised in one of the most beautiful countries in the world, Jordan. A developing country, Jordan is one of the top ten poorest countries in the world in terms of drinking water resources. Read full story.

Breaking News

WEF Acquires International Publication

On Jan. 17, the Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.), announced the acquisition of *World Water & Environmental Engineering* from Faversham House Group Ltd. (FHG; Surrey, U.K.), and the subsequent formation of WEF Publishing UK Limited (WEFP).

Located in central London, WEFP will publish the magazine bi-monthly, and eventually expand into a full-service publishing company to produce and market WEF technical and educational products in Europe. The publication will focus on water quality issues in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the United States, and Asia, and will be distributed to more than 10,000 water and wastewater professionals worldwide. WEFP will begin publishing the magazine in March. Read more.

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Check out World Water Monitoring Day 2006!

The Water Environment Federation joined with Earth Conservation Corps to host World Water Monitoring Day™ 2006 Oct. 18 on the Anacostia River in Washington, D.C. Ben Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for U.S. EPA's Office of Water, led local dignitaries, water quality professionals, environmental groups, and 40 students from Washington, D.C.-based Ketchum Elementary School in hands-on testing of the river's water quality. Learn more about World Water Monitoring Day here.

Take a Look Back at WEFTEC.06 in Dallas!

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The Water Environment Federation held its 79th annual conference, WEFTEC, in Dallas in 2006. More than 17,000 people attended the event. Check the WEFTEC.06 Photo Gallery for candid shots of the conference. You may just see yourself!

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East Bay Municipal Utility Receives NBP EMS Certification

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD; Oakland, Calif.) has been recognized by the National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) as the 13th wastewater agency in the nation to have an NBP-certified Excellent Biosolids Management Program, and to be admitted to the NBP environmental management system (EMS) program. EBMUD is one of 90 wastewater agencies currently participating in the NBP program.

The utility's biosolids management program was independently verified Sept. 19 by the audit firm KEMA-Registered Quality Inc. (Lafayette, Calif.), to conform to the NBP's requirements. An EMS celebration was held at the utility's facility on Oct. 3.

Examination of EMS Outcomes
After using an EMS approach to manage its biosolids program for 3 years, EBMUD reported the following outcomes to KEMA:

- **Regulatory compliance.** Mercury levels in incoming waste (and subsequently in biosolids) have decreased 30% since 2004, resulting in reduced environmental impacts and levels well below regulatory limits.
- **Environmental performance.** Substantially more methane gas is being generated and captured (digester off-gas) and used in cogeneration operations. This has increased self-sufficiency in energy use from 45% to 80% in the past 2 years, with some energy sold to the local power grid. Cost reductions have been in excess of $1.2 million/yr.
- **Biosolids quality.** Development of the Data Quality Objectives methods has improved biosolids quality assurance. A single incident resulted in $20,000 cost avoidance. Continuing cost avoidance from improved quality is expected. Improved awareness for biosolids management internally and with contractors has led to more consistent solids content (approximately $100,000/yr direct cost reduction) and a more protected position for beneficial use.
- **Interested party relations.** The Regional Biosolids Plan developed in cooperation with other agencies and local community groups (Solano County) has resulted in better relations with recognized community groups and interested parties within the county. As a result, more acceptable biosolids use options are likely to become available.

For more information on the East Bay Municipal Utility District Biosolids EMS program, see www.ebmud.com/wastewater/biosolids/eMS/default.htm. For more information on the NBP EMS program, see www.biosolids.org.

WEF Receives $1.7 Million from DHS for Security Training Program

The Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) has been selected by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to receive $1.7 million to implement a 3-year comprehensive training program addressing interdependencies between the water sector and other critical infrastructures.

Building on its current water sector security program, the Federation will examine interdependencies within and outside the water sector in order to foster and enable effective partnerships that can advance prevention, protection,

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response, and recovery from incidents of national significance. The training will focus not just on water and wastewater utilities but also on managers from other related critical infrastructures and on local government officials.

The program will include a series of webcasts and other distant learning vehicles, stakeholder symposiums, and regional training sessions and workshops to build partnerships with, and provide information to, water sector utility managers and their counterparts from the transportation, energy, and other key sectors.

Journal Features Young Scientists' Work

The Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) has officially launched the *Stockholm Junior Water Prize Journal* featuring papers by winners of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SJWP).

Published annually, the journal shares the fresh and novel thinking of bright young scientists with the water professionals' community. In addition to the benefits of research exchange, the high school students are mentored in scientific writing and publication.

"The papers represent the best of the best in water research in the United States' high schools," explained Editor and 2004 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate William Mitsch. "Each student published was a winner of their own state in the rigorous Stockholm Junior Water Prize competition."

Projects of the SJWP seek to improve quality of life by enhancing water quality, water resources management, water protection, or water and wastewater treatment. The papers present theoretical and applied science-based projects as well as those projects focused on solving community water problems. The scope may be on local, regional, national, or global topics.

The first volume of the journal features the paper of the 2006 U.S. winner Emily Brownlee from Calvert High School in Prince Fredrick, Md. Her project compares the efficacy of an introduced species of oyster from China as a replacement for the disappearing native oyster, Crassostrea virginica, in the Chesapeake Bay.

Next in this volume are papers by semi-finalists Heather Smith of Mississippi; Kathryn VanderWeele Snyder of Oregon; and Megan O'Brien of Wisconsin, each who presented research results on, respectively, lake sturgeon (Acipenser fulvescens) swimming behavior; water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes) removal of arsenic from polluted water; and Great Lakes-invasive Quagga and Zebra mussel survival in oxygen-deficient conditions. The issue is rounded out by papers by other young scientists including Sherri Hall of Georgia on radon contamination in Georgia aquifers; Yupeng Liu of South Carolina on the effects of salinity on the toxic alga Microcystis aeruginosa in coastal estuaries; and Kelydra Welcker of West Virginia on characteristics and potential treatment of the water surfactant ammonium perfluorooctanoate (APFO).

State SJWP winners' papers are initially evaluated for publication by the U.S. competition nominations panel. Papers that have potential for publication are forwarded to editors and past Stockholm Water Prize Laureates including Mitsch (2004) and Takashi Asano (2001).

See the *Stockholm Junior Water Prize Journal* at www.wef.org/ScienceTechnologyResources/Publications/SJWP.

—Lorraine Loken

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WEF Releases Position Statement on 2007 Farm Bill Reauthorization

The Water Environment Federation's (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) Board of Trustees voted on Dec. 12 to approve the Federation's position statement on the 2007 Farm Bill reauthorization effort. The statement offers primary strategies and recommendations to Congress as it considers renewal of agricultural programs adopted under the 2002 legislation.

The current Farm Bill made important strides in establishing and strengthening agricultural support programs designed to improve on-farm conservation efforts. These programs, including the Environment Quality Incentives Program, the Conservation Reserve Program, and the Conservation Security Program, assist farmers in implementing best management practices to achieve environmental benefits, including watershed-based techniques that improve water quality. Water quality professionals, agricultural producers, and rural and urban communities share common interests as stewards of water resources and WEF believes that the 2007 reauthorization bill could provide an opportunity to build on the progress of these programs and foster greater collaboration between municipal and agricultural communities.

"The Water Environment Federation is very interested in identifying and promoting opportunities within the agricultural community to implement watershed-based approaches to their conservation efforts," said WEF President Mohamed Dahab.

WEF's recommendations include strengthening and targeting conservation programs to achieve greater water quality improvements in critical watersheds; fostering greater collaboration between the municipal treatment sector and livestock producers to improve manure management; and establishing more effective mechanisms - including water quality trading - to achieve greater nutrient controls on farms.

Congress is expected to vote on the reauthorization in early 2007. WEF's Position Statement on the 2007 Farm Bill Reauthorization is available here.

WEF Seeks Vice President, House of Delegates, Honorary Membership Nominations

The Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) vision of preserving and enhancing the global water environment is achieved through the dedication and active involvement of water environment professionals around the world. WEF will continue to advance its vision through accomplished leadership by dedicated WEF members who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the water environment profession. The WEF Nominating Committee invites you to nominate these distinguished WEF members for the position of WEF Vice President.

WEF members and Member Associations may nominate qualified WEF members for the WEF Vice President position, and WEF members may self-nominate. Nominees must be a WEF member and must have signified willingness to serve.

Criteria considered will include: professional experience and credibility; significant career accomplishments including WEF, Member Association, and other organization involvement; and knowledge of the WEF organization and its governance.

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The WEF Vice President, upon nomination by the WEF Nominating Committee and election by the WEF House of Delegates, typically serves a 4-year term.

WEF Officers are responsible for promoting the WEF vision, mission, and strategic goals; for supporting and advocating WEF policies, positions, and programs; raising awareness of priorities of the water environment profession; and serving as a spokesperson for and representative of WEF to the public, government agencies, policy makers, water environment leaders throughout the world, and to WEF members and Member Associations.

Nominations must be submitted by March 1, 2007, using the WEF Vice President nomination form. E-mail pross@wef.org for a form.

House of Delegates Delegate-at-Large Nominations

Put your membership experience and voice to work as a member of WEF's House of Delegates. The WEF House of Delegates is the deliberative and representational body of WEF, and advises the Federation's Board of Trustees on matters of strategic direction and public policy development.

Delegate-at-Large members of the House of Delegates are selected by the WEF Nominating Committee and approved by the House, for a 3-year term. Delegates-at-Large hold the responsibility of representing to the House the interests of WEF members that are not covered by members of the House representing Member Associations.

WEF members and Member Associations may nominate a candidate for a WEF House of Delegates Delegate-at-Large position, and WEF members may self-nominate. The nomination deadline is March 1, 2007.

Nominations are sought as for Delegate-at-Large positions to begin in October, 2007, as indicated below:

- Delegate-at-Large representing Professional Wastewater Operations: one position.
- Delegate-at-Large representing general WEF membership: three positions.

Nominations must be submitted by March 1, 2007, using the WEF Delegate-at-Large nomination form. E-mail pross@wef.org to receive this form.

—Phyllis Ross

WEF Honorary Membership Nominations Sought

The WEF Honorary membership recognizes individuals who have proven their preeminence in the fields of activity encompassed by Water Environment Federation objectives.

The recipient of this honor will be elected for life and pay no member dues. In addition to receiving a plaque from the Federation, Honorary Members receive — without cost — the publications of WEF that the House designates.

Nominees should be a person of acknowledged eminence in one or more fields of activity within the scope of the WEF stated objectives, with a maximum of three Honorary Members elected in any calendar year.

Nominations — due no later than March 1 — will be accepted only from the WEF Member Associations and Nominating Committee.

For more information on the criteria and nomination process, and to download a nomination form, click here.

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Nominations Sought for WEF Annual Awards

The Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the water environment profession and to the Federation and its Member Associations through the WEF Annual Awards. The awards recognize excellence and ingenuity in such categories as hazardous waste management, collections systems, and advertising.

WEF is currently seeking input for the 2007 award recipients. The deadlines for making nominations — March 1 and April 1 — are fast approaching, so if you know someone who has made a difference in the water environment, don't let them go unacknowledged. WEF wants to ensure everyone receives the recognition they deserve.

Go to www.wef.org/MembershipCareers/MembershipInformation/Awards for details on all 28 of WEF's awards. For more information, contact WEF Awards Program Coordinator Liz Schulz at eschulz@wef.org or (703) 684-2400, ext. 7738.

—Liz Schulz

Nominations Open for 2007 Public Officials Award

Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) members, Member Associations and Committees are invited to submit nominations for the 2007 Water Environment Federation's Public Officials Award. This award will be presented at the 2007 National Clean Water Policy Forum, to be held May 6–9 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2007.

The Federation Board of Trustees established this new award in 2005 to recognize public officials who have made an outstanding contribution to improvement of the water environment. The Public Officials Award is presented to an elected or appointed public official that has made a documented, significant contribution in the areas of clean water legislation, public policy, government service, or another area of public prominence that resulted in improvements to the water environment. The award can be presented to a local, state, or federal public official.

Past recipients of this award include Sen. Jim Jeffords (I-Vt.), Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.), Rep. Vernon Ehlers (R-Mich.), Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin, and Mayor Dannel Malloy from Stamford, Conn.

Nominations for the 2007 WEF Public Officials Award should consist of a nomination letter; a one-page biography of the nominee; a list of specific reasons for the nomination (two pages maximum) that relates to his/her work in improving the water environment; and any other supporting material that relate to the award criteria. There is no limit on the number of nominations a person or organization can submit. Nominations should be submitted no later than March 1, 2007 to WEF Government Affairs Office Administrator Lisa Jones. E-mail Jones at ljones@wef.org, or call with questions: (703) 684-2400, ext. 7741.

—Lisa Jones

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Disinfection 2007 — Current Practice and Future Trends in Disinfection: Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Water Reuse, and Biosolids

The Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.), in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (Gettysburg, Pa.), the American Water Works Association (Denver, Colo.), the International Water Association (London), the International Ozone Association (Scottsdale, Ariz.), and the International Ultraviolet Association (Ayr, Ontario), presents Disinfection 2007 — the sixth specialty conference of its kind. If you are an engineer, specialist from a public water system, academic, health official, wastewater or water treatment plant operator, regulator, graduate student, or manufacturer you won't want to miss this conference.

The conference will be held Feb. 4–7 at the Hilton Pittsburgh

The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for an exchange of ideas and experience on the status and future direction of disinfection in water, wastewater, and wastewater reuse. Specific objectives of the conference include:

• Elucidate uses and advances in technologies such as UV, chlorination, ozonation, and other oxidant disinfection and combined processes.
• Examine the role of disinfection for bioterrorism response and remediation in the water and wastewater infrastructure.
• Identify treatment and control measures for acute and chronic toxins in water and wastewater.
• Provide regulatory updates on the future disinfection standards for water, wastewater, reuse water, and biosolids.
• Shed light on the current status and future use of alternative indicators of disinfection efficacy.

To review the technical program or get exhibition information, registration materials, hotel details, and other information, go to www.wef.org/ConferencesTraining/Conferences/SpecialtyConference/Disinfection2007.htm.

—Lara Hughes

WEF Member Recruiters Recognized

The Water Environment Federation (WEF; Alexandria, Va.) would like to thank the following members for their commitment to membership, and welcome the new inductees into the Diamond Circle and VIP Circle. We appreciate your support.

2005-2006 WEF Membership Recruiters
The top recruiters of the year are Chris Schmit of the South Dakota Water Environment Association (WEA), who recruited 35 members, and Joe Bonaccorso of the New Jersey WEA, who recruited 30 members.

Current WEF members who have recruited 100 or more new members since 1986 are part of the "Diamond Circle" of recruitment.

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The following are Diamond Circle members.
Leonard Ashack, II — Indiana Water and Pollution Control Association (WPCA)
Joseph Bonaccorso — New Jersey WEA
Robert Button — New England WEA
Daniel Cardellichio — New Jersey WEA
Paul Chadik — Florida WEA
*Sylvan Coles — Kansas WEA
Elizabeth Cutone — New England WEA
James De Block — New Jersey WEA
*Robert De Block — New Jersey WEA
A. Roy Fowler — Georgia W&PCA
* Franklin S. Hartman — New Jersey WEA
Robert Holbrook — Alabama's WEA
John Lagrosa — New Jersey WEA
John Lewis — Pacific Northwest PCA
Rocco J. Maiellano — New Jersey WEA
Charles McElroy — Palestinian WEA
Robin Mulhall — New Jersey WEA
Robert O'Dette — Kentucky-Tennessee WEA
* Eduardo Pacheco Jordao — ABES Brazil
* Henry Penley — New Jersey WEA
Walter Saukin — New York WEA
Alexander Baron Sheffield — Louisiana WEA
Kenneth Stoller — New Jersey WEA
Constantine Yapijakis — New York WEA
*New Inductees

Following are members who are part of the VIP Circle, or members who have recruited 50–99 new members since 1986.
Russell Adams — New England WEA
Alex Ainsworth — Louisiana WEA
George Barnes, Jr. — Georgia WPCA
Bruce Berdanier — Ohio WEA
* Joel G. Burken — Missouri WEA
Dale Butler — Rocky Mountain WEA
Robert Corbitt — Georgia WPCA
Robert Cutone — New England WEA
Thomas Decker — Missouri WEA
Joseph Del Greco — New England WEA
Jack Dozier — Georgia WPCA
Richard Eustace — New Jersey
* Robert C. Fisher — New Jersey WEA
Charlene Givens — Indiana WPCA
Rhonda Harris — WEA of Texas
Richard Hults — New York WEA
Litton De Jarnette — Georgia W&PCA
Michael Jefferson —Missouri WEA
John Jeris — New York WEA
Vishwas Kale — Indian Environmental Association

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Kenneth Kerri — California WEA
Richard Kunze — New Jersey WEA
Lorene Lindsay — Missouri WEA
* Nancy G Love — Virginia WEA
Michael Lyons — New Jersey WEA
William McElhaney — Indiana WEA
"James Moore, III — Alabama WEA
* Christine M Morton — New Jersey WEA
Marge Okabe — California WEA
Marilyn O'Neal — Chesapeake WEA
Richard Paesani — West Virginia WEA
Albin Pagorski — Central States WEA
Spyros Pavlosthathis — Georgia WPCA
Jennafer S. Piper Covington — WEA of Texas
John Ringelestein — Iowa WPCA
John Ruggiero — New York WEA
Ronald Schuyler — Rocky Mountain WEA
Yvonne Schwab — California WEA
Willard Sexauer — Central States WEA
Tommy Short — Indiana WPCA
Edward Sinclair — Virginia WEA
* Robert Sokolowski — New Jersey WEA
Michael Solla — New Jersey WEA
* Joseph Soporowski, Jr. — New Jersey WEA
Bruce Stevens — New England WEA
Timothy Tigue — Ohio WEA
Billy Turner — Georgia W&PCA
A. Scott Weber — New York WEA
Richard Weigand — West Virginia WEA
Arthur White — North Carolina WEA
Jane Lee Winkler — Ohio WEA
*New Inductees

WEF members who recruited 25 or more members this year:
Chris Schmidt — South Dakota WEA (35), Joseph Bonaccorso — New Jersey WEA (30), Banao J. Warren — Hawaii WEA (28), Jeanne Maiellano — New Jersey WEA (25)

WEF members who recruited 10-20 members this year:
Darlene Galbraith — New Jersey WEA (20), Richard Eustace — New Jersey WEA (19), Robert Sokolowski — New Jersey WEA (18), Blake Maloney — New Jersey WEA (15), Henry Penley — New Jersey WEA (15), Keith Redmond — Central States WEA (15), David Baker — New Jersey WEA (13), John Lagrosa — New Jersey WEA (13), Daniel Lynch — Central States WEA (13), James De Block — New Jersey WEA (12), Charles Bott — Virginia WEA (11), Christine Morton — New Jersey WEA (11), Francis Bonaccorso — New Jersey WEA (10), Mario Bonaccorso — New Jersey WEA (10), Russell Franks — New Jersey WEA (10)

WEF members who recruited 5-9 members this year:
Stephen Dowhan — New Jersey WEA (9), Robert Fisher — New Jersey WEA (8), Ralph La Mendola — New Jersey WEA (8), Donna Lyons — New Jersey WEA (8), Robert Villee — New Jersey WEA (8), Edith Eldeen – Hawaii WEA & Iowa WEA (7), Donna Peteja – New Jersey WEA (7), Jennafer Piper Covington — WEA of Texas (7), Bryan

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Christiansen — New Jersey WEA (6), Thomas Grenci — New Jersey WEA (6), William Muszynski — New Jersey WEA (6), Kimberly Polifka — Alabama's WEA (6), Cheryl Smith — WEA of Texas (6), George Vercelli — New England WEA (6), Constantine Yapijakis — New York WEA (6), Naomi Brown — Georgia AWP (5), Howard Crisp — North Carolina WEA (5), James Delaura — New Jersey WEA & New York WEA (5), Michael Kaneletz — New Jersey WEA (5), John Kennedy — New Jersey WEA (5), Eugene Maszczak — New Jersey WEA (5), John Mele — New Jersey WEA (5), Carl Schwing — WEA of Texas (5)

—Lori Jordan

Funding Available for Environmental Research and Development

The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), through the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), will be funding environmental research and development in the sustainable infrastructure focus area.

The objective of these efforts is to identify, develop, and transition environmental technologies that relate directly to defense mission accomplishment through tools and techniques that will permit the DoD to manage lands in a sustainable manner for natural resources management (e.g. ecosystem management, maritime sustainability, threatened and endangered species, invasive species), facilities management (e.g. air and water quality, energy, noise, solid waste), and the detection and evaluation of cultural resources.

This work also encompasses the technologies required to sustain deployed forces. SERDP intends to fund multiple projects within the Sustainable Infrastructure focus area involving the following:

1. Managing and Restoring the Dry Forest Ecological System in the Pacific Islands
2. Impacts of Military Activities and Invasive Species on Pacific Island Freshwater and Near-Shore Marine Ecosystems
3. Characterization of Air Emissions from Prescribed Burning
4. Scalable Power Grids that Facilitate the Use of Renewable Energy Technologies
5. Innovative Technologies for Electricity Production from Waste Heat for Deployed Forces

Projects will be selected through a competitive selection process. Pre-proposals from the non-federal sector are due by Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007. Proposals from the federal sector are due by Thursday, March 8, 2007. Detailed instructions for federal and private sector proposers are available on the SERDP Web site www.serdp.org/funding/index.cfm.

SERDP will also be funding environmental research and development through the SERDP Exploratory Development (SEED) program. The SEED program is designed to provide initial funding for high-risk, high payoff projects. For FY08, Sustainable Infrastructure SEED proposals are being requested for "Innovative Approaches for Non-Destructive Sensing and Analysis of the Integrity of Historic Building and Structures."

All SEED proposals are due by Thursday, March 8, 2007. Detailed instructions for both federal and non-federal proposals are available on the SERDP Web site at www.serdp.org/funding/index.cfm.

NEWEA Conference to Feature Best in Asset Management Practices

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The New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) is hosting an Asset Management Excellence Exchange Program for both private and public businesses to come together and share case studies on best practice asset management programs and projects.

The 2-day seminar will be held March 5–6 at the Newton (Boston) Marriott (Newton, Mass.), and is expected to draw an audience of more than 200 professionals from a wide variety of market segments.

“This unique seminar will provide enormous value for its attendees,” remarked Steve Albee of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). “Together, we will share our best practices in asset management to help establish a stronger economy in this country.”

The overriding goal of the seminar is to provide a forum for individuals from utilities (water, wastewater, electric, telecom, and gas), manufacturing, transportation, and related fields to discuss the best approaches for the development and implementation of asset management programs and projects. Research across industries has shown that the implementation of successful asset management programs can be the key to gaining more efficiency with assets which will result in better business decisions.

The seminar will feature presenters from across the country to share their experience and knowledge. The private sector will be represented by professionals from the Miller Brewing Company (Milwaukee, Wisc.), Intel Corporation (Santa Clara, Calif.), Raytheon (Waltham, Mass.), General Electric (Fairfield, Conn.), and Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.). The public utilities’ speakers include the Las Vegas Water District, Orange County Sanitation District, Metropolitan Milwaukee Sanitary District, Seattle Public Utilities, and the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority. In addition, government officials from the Federal Highway Association and EPA will be participating in the event.

The idea for this seminar came out of discussions between professionals from private and public business who share a common goal – making their organizations run more efficiently. Both parties realized they could learn a lot from one another by sharing best practices and lessons learned stories. The organizers of the seminar hope this will become a biennial event; as asset management practices grow and expand it will be important to continue the valuable dialogue that originates from seminars such as the 2007 Asset Management Excellence Exchange program.

In addition to the 2-day program, a special change management workshop will be presented by Holger Rathgeber, co-author of Our Iceberg is Melting, on Sunday, March 4th.

To register or learn more, go to www.newea.org or call (781) 939-0908.

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