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Sponsors Announce LIFT SEE IT Scholarship Winners

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Eleven public water resource recovery facilities were awarded travel scholarships for utility staff under the LIFT Scholarship Exchange Experience for Innovation & Technology (SEE IT). The scholarship program, launched in 2016, is a joint initiative spearheaded by Water Environment & Reuse Foundation, the Water Environment Federation, and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. As a part of the Leaders Innovation Forum for Technology (LIFT), SEE IT provides scholarships for utility personnel to visit other utilities that are using innovations of interest and share their experience with peers. The awardees are staff from:

- City of Boulder, CO
- City of Jackson, MO
- City of Raleigh, NC
- City of San Luis Obispo, CA
- Greeley Water Pollution Control Facility, CO
- Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, KY
- Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, OH
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, CA
- Soquel Creek Water District, CA
- Trinity River Authority, TX
- Washoe County Community Services, NV

Staff from the awarded facilities will travel to utilities across the country and abroad to learn about new technologies and processes, and gain new perspectives that will enable them to accelerate innovation and adoption at their own facilities. LIFT SEE IT provides the tools to help transform water resource recovery facilities into utilities of the future. A new round of applications will open in Fall of 2017.

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About NACWA

For more than forty years, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)

has been the nation's recognized leader in legislative, regulatory and legal advocacy on the full spectrum of clean water issues. NACWA represents public wastewater and stormwater agencies of all sizes nationwide, and is a top technical resource in water quality, water management and sustainable ecosystem protection.

About WEF

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 33,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected public health and the environment. As a global water sector leader, our mission is to connect water professionals; enrich the expertise of water professionals; increase the awareness of the impact and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation. To learn more, visit www.wef.org.

About WE&RF

The Water Environment & Reuse Foundation (WE&RF) is a 501c3 charitable corporation seeking to identify, support, and disseminate research that enhances the quality and reliability of water for natural systems and communities with an integrated approach to resource recovery and reuse; while facilitating interaction among practitioners, educators, researchers, decision makers, and the public.