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DC Water and the Water Environment Federation Launch National Green Infrastructure Certification Program Website

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 18, 2016 – DC Water and the Water Environment Federation (WEF) have launched a website for the National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP), an in-development national certification for green infrastructure (GI) construction, inspection, and maintenance workers. The website, www.ngicp.org, is the best resource for the latest program news and updates; access to valuable industry and certification resources; and links to a range of regional training opportunities.

Since announcing the project in February, DC Water, WEF, and a group of national NGICP Partnering Organizations have been working to develop the program structure, components, and requirements on an expedited schedule, with the first certifications expected in early 2017. Designed to meet international best practice standards, the certification—including a requirement for regular re-certification—will verify that individuals performing the installation, inspection, and maintenance of GI have the required knowledge, skills, and abilities to support long-term performance and sustainability of these systems.

“A workforce that is skilled in the complete lifecycle of green infrastructure is core to the success of DC Water’s green infrastructure implementation and the work being implemented across the nation,” said DC Water CEO and General Manager George S. Hawkins. “The National GI Certification Program will help to support long-term performance of green infrastructure and support local, sustainable jobs.”

The website will reflect the current state of the NGICP development and is expected to feature the following:

- A downloadable NGICP Body of Knowledge that provides a targeted list of existing resources on GI construction, inspection, and maintenance, including specific topics related to the certification knowledge and skills areas;
- Resources to help individuals navigate through the application and exam processes;
- NGICP eligibility requirements and downloadable certification application;
- Links to regional training opportunities offered through the nationwide NGICP Partnering Organizations;
- Exam blueprint information; and more.

“We are excited about this new website and the robust information it provides for GI professionals, program partners, utilities, and other stakeholders to better understand NGICP’s mission and the exciting opportunities it provides to support this growing segment of the water sector,” said WEF Executive Director Eileen O’Neill. “We believe that this new site will allow our visitors to have a very informative experience as we continue to develop and promote this new standard for supporting a skilled GI workforce that is essential to sustainable communities.”

Housed under the WEF Stormwater Institute, the NGICP is being developed with the support of a growing number of utilities to help advance the program nationwide. Current NGICP Partnering Organizations

include: Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (WI), Montgomery County (MD), Kansas City Water Services Department (MO), Fairfax County (VA), City of Baltimore Department of Public Works (MD), Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District (KY), San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (CA), Capital Region Water (PA), and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (IL).

For more information, please visit www.ngicp.org or contact ngicp@wef.org.

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About DC Water

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water), is an industry leading multi-jurisdictional regional utility that provides drinking water, wastewater collection and treatment to 600,000 residential, commercial and governmental customers in the District of Columbia, 17.8 million annual visitors and also collects and treats wastewater for 1.6 million customers in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland and Fairfax and Loudoun counties in Virginia. To learn more, visit www.dcwater.com.

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.

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