



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Nov. 14, 2017

Media Contact: Travis Loop, 703.684.2465, tloop@wef.org

Water Environment Federation Announces Application Period for 2018 Water Leadership Institute

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is accepting applications for its 2018 Water Leadership Institute.

The Water Leadership Institute program is aimed at educating and training emerging leaders and providing them with opportunities to build strong, lasting relationships within the water sector. This intensive program allows participants to engage in management training and leadership development through a blended learning approach that includes examining complex challenges facing the water and wastewater industries and networking with public and private sector practitioners.

“The future of the water sector depends on developing and encouraging a pool of talented, dedicated water professionals,” said WEF Executive Director Eileen O’Neill. “The Water Leadership Institute is focused on that objective, and we are proud to have a hand in preparing the next generation of water sector leaders.”

The Water Leadership Institute curriculum includes a series of monthly web-based meetings and group activities and an in-person meeting at WEF’s headquarters in Alexandria, Va. The meetings are led by guest instructors from water and wastewater utilities, government agencies, communication firms and financial organizations. The 2018 Water Leadership Institute will culminate with a workshop during WEFTEC, the Water Environment Federation’s 91st Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference, in New Orleans, La. The 2018 participants will be the Institute’s seventh class, and will join 183 alumni after completing the program.

The newly established George S. Hawkins Scholarship is available this year to help offset the cost of the Institute. All applicants are eligible for the scholarship, which covers the cost of tuition. WEF will award the scholarship to one participant who has demonstrated a desire to continue to develop his or her skills and is focused on continued involvement in the evolving water sector. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, 2018.

For more information about the Water Leadership Institute, click [here](#).

For more information about the George S. Hawkins Scholarship, click [here](#).

###

About WEF

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 34,000 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.