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LIFT SEE IT Program Accepting Applications for Travel Scholarships in 2021

(Alexandria, VA) 11/09/20 – The Leaders Innovation Forum for Technology (LIFT) is now accepting applications for the Scholarship Exchange Experience for Innovation & Technology (SEE IT) program. Supported by The Water Research Foundation ([WRF](#)), Water Environment Federation ([WEF](#)), and National Association of Clean Water Agencies ([NACWA](#)), SEE IT scholarships provide travel support for utility personnel to visit other utilities with innovations of interest, providing hands-on interaction and information to accelerate technology adoption at their own facilities. [LIFT SEE IT Applications](#) are due **March 12, 2021 by 5:00 PM ET**. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2021.

Applicants to the SEE IT program may apply to visit innovations that include new technologies and processes, or novel approaches to service, operations, and finance. LIFT has identified 13 technology [Focus Areas](#) as priorities, although applicants are not necessarily limited to these topics. Scholarship recipients will be required to record and share their experiences with peer utilities and others.

Should COVID-19 travel restrictions remain in 2021, any trip that is awarded in this round of applications would be postponed until it is safe to travel. Alternatively, applicants may consider using SEE IT funds to undertake “virtual trips” to facilities of interest and using the SEE IT scholarship funds to create video recordings of their experiences.

If you have questions about the SEE IT program or the application process, please contact David Morroni, LIFT Program Coordinator, at dmorroni@waterrf.org.

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About the Water Environment Federation

The *Water Environment Federation (WEF)* is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 35,000 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 The Water Research Foundation

The Water Research Foundation (WRF) is the world’s leading research organization advancing the science of all water to meet the evolving needs of its subscribers and the water sector. WRF is a nonprofit, educational organization that funds, manages, and publishes research on the technology, operation, and management of drinking water, wastewater, reuse, and stormwater.

systems—all in pursuit of protection of public health and the environment. WRF represents approximately 1,200 subscribers, hosts an online research library of more than 2,300 completed projects valued at \$700 million, manages an innovation platform (LIFT Link) with a database of more than 140 innovative technologies, and supports the world's largest body of stormwater best practice data. For more information, visit www.waterrf.org.

About the National Association of Clean Water Agencies

The *National Association of Clean Water Agencies* (NACWA) is the leading advocate for responsible national policies that advance clean water. NACWA represents the collective interests of America's clean water utilities nationwide – and their clear commitment to America's waters. For over 40 years, NACWA has been the clean water community's voice in Congress, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies, as well as in the media and in the courts. To learn more about NACWA visit us at www.nacwa.org.