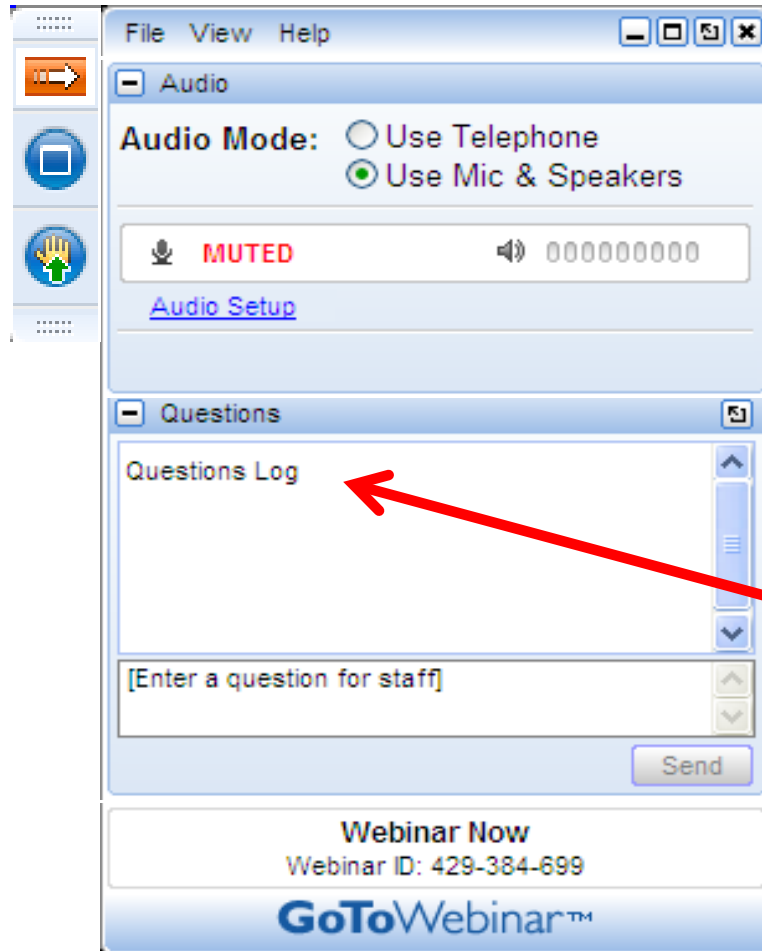


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Thursday, March 29, 2018

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**Fidan Karimova**  
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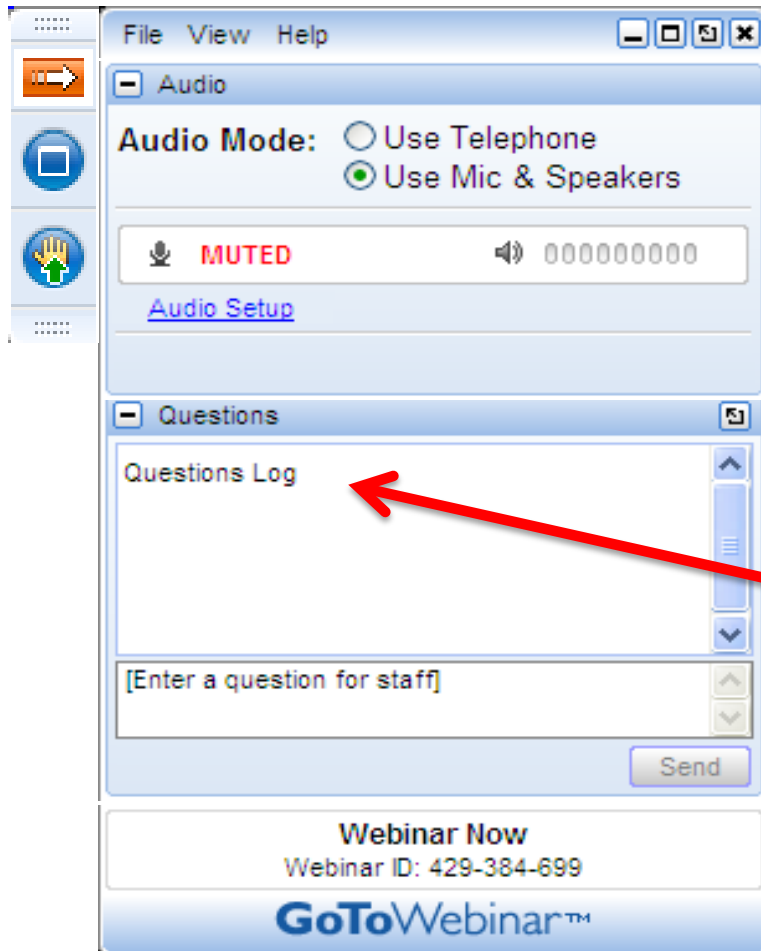


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# Agenda

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- +35 LIFT: University-Utility Partnerships- Morgan Brown, WEF
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- +60 LIFT IWS Challenge- Fidan Karimova, WRF (on behalf of Ting Lu)
- +75 Questions and Answers
- +90 Adjourn

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# Thank You

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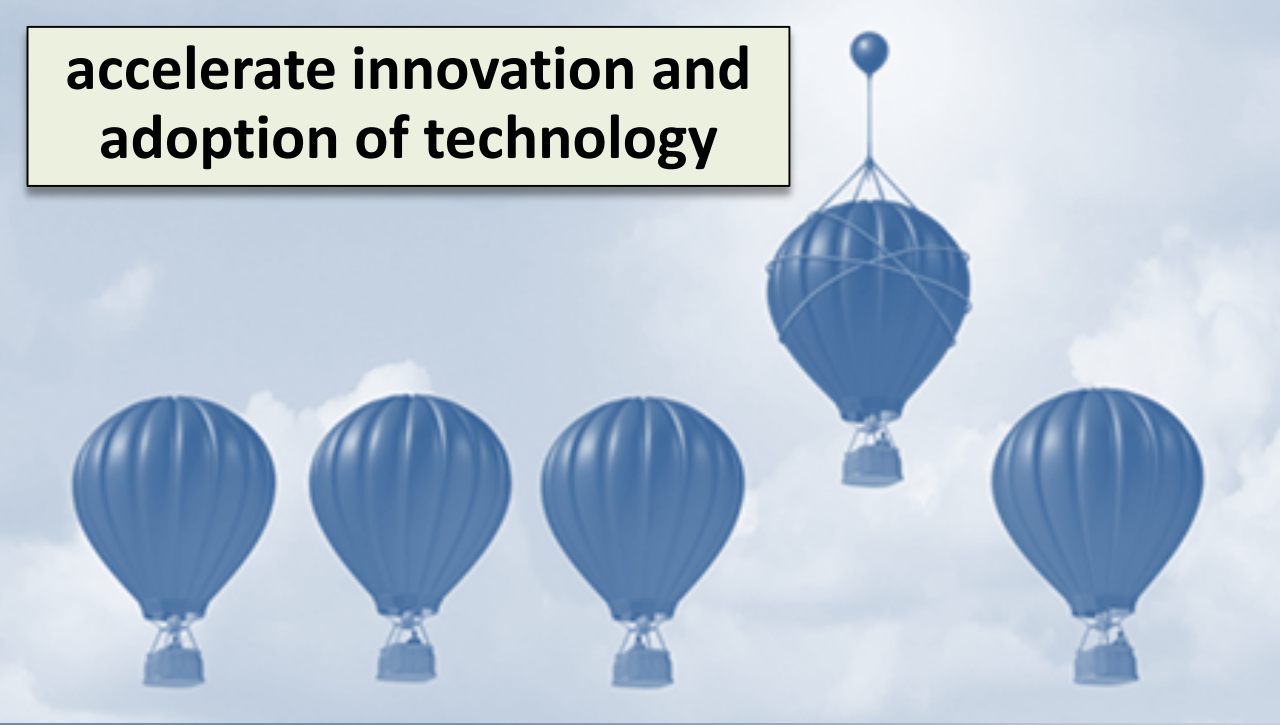
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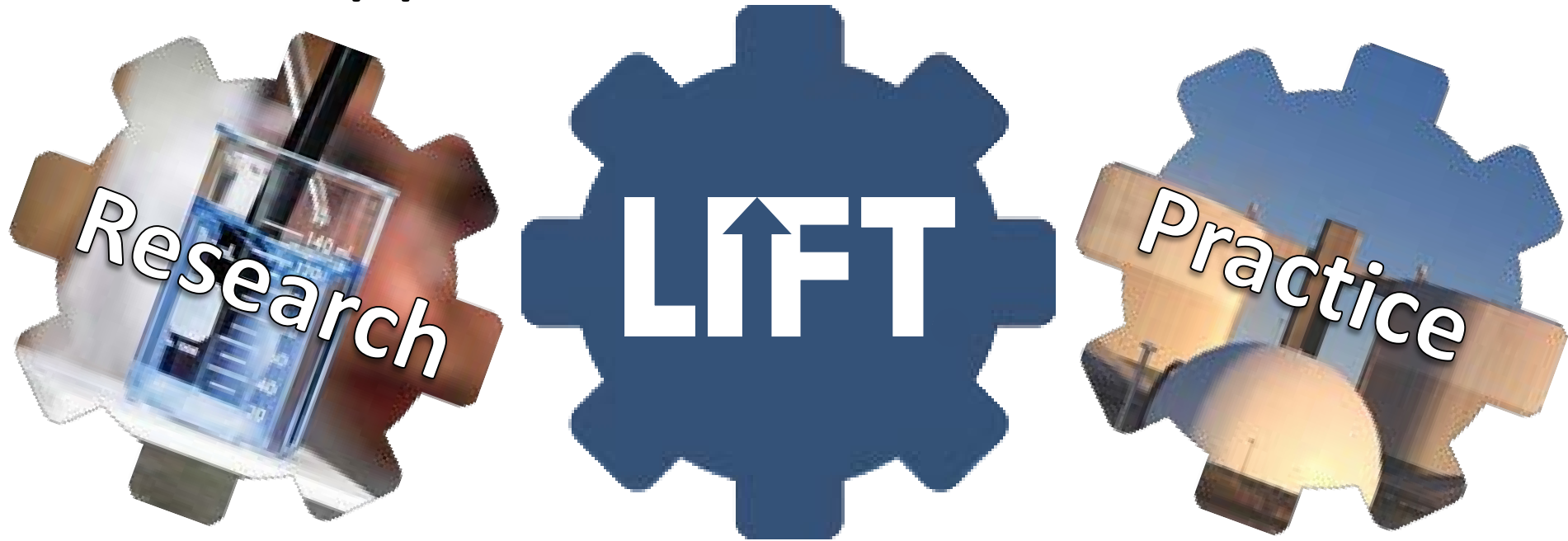
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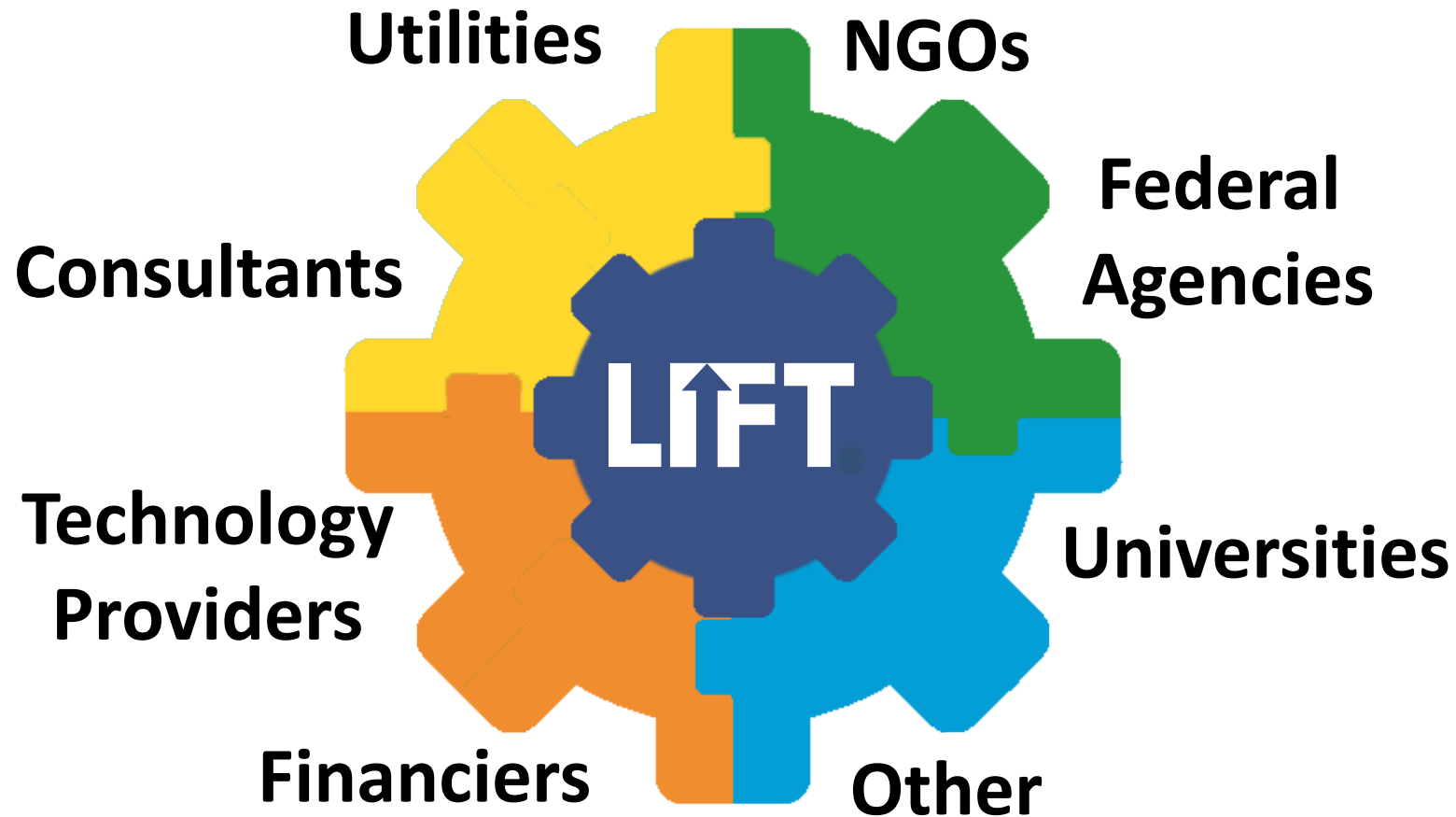
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# LIFT's Mission

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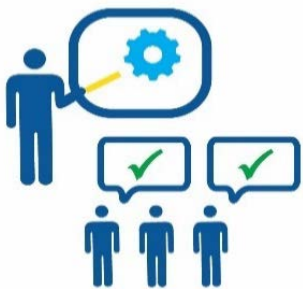


# Engaging the Water Community





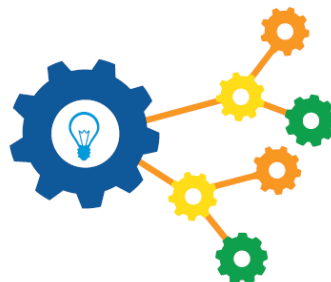
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**Utility Peer Network**



**Technology Scans**



**LIFT Link**



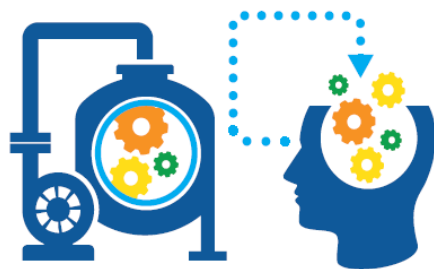
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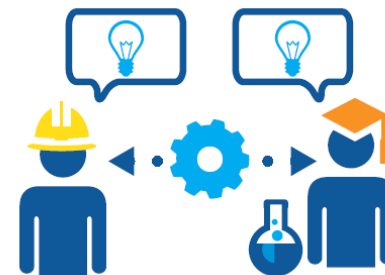
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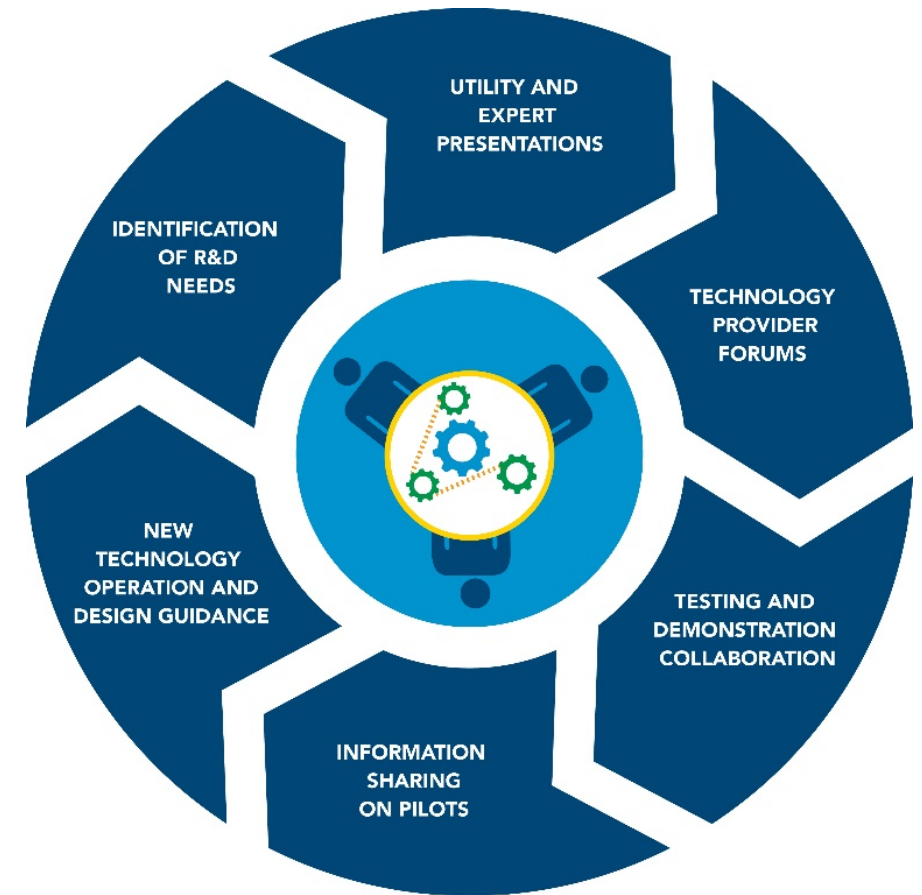


**Hubs, Partners, and Affiliates**

# Utility Peer Network



- Utility Working Group and Focus Groups
  - Over 400 utility & industry participants
- Web & In-Person Meetings
- Activities:
  - Peer Information Exchange
  - Expert Presentations on Technologies
  - State of the Art Technology Guidance Reports
  - Collaborative Research and Demos



# Utility Technology Focus Groups



Utility and facility personnel only discussion groups that each meet 3-4 times per year. The LIFT Working Group consists of all 12 focus group members and meets quarterly

- Biological Nutrient Removal
- Biosolids to Energy
- Collection Systems
- Digestion Enhancements
- Disinfection
- Energy from Wastewater
- Green Infrastructure
- Intelligent Water Systems
- Odor Control
- P-Recovery
- Small Facilities
- Water Reuse

**\*\*New groups coming in 2018 on drinking water\*\***

# LIFT for Management



## Purpose:

To develop a business reference model and information clearinghouse for the water industry that is complimentary to the existing foundational programs on Utility Management.

## UAIM Framework

	People	Processes	Technology
Strategy	Senior/Executive Management & Officials	Long Range Planning Design	Design Tools Financial Models
Tactics	Maintenance and Inspection Management & Staff	Asset Management Inspections	Computerized Maintenance Management Systems
Operations	Operational Management & Staff	Operational Planning and Real Time Control	Control Systems SCADA Communications

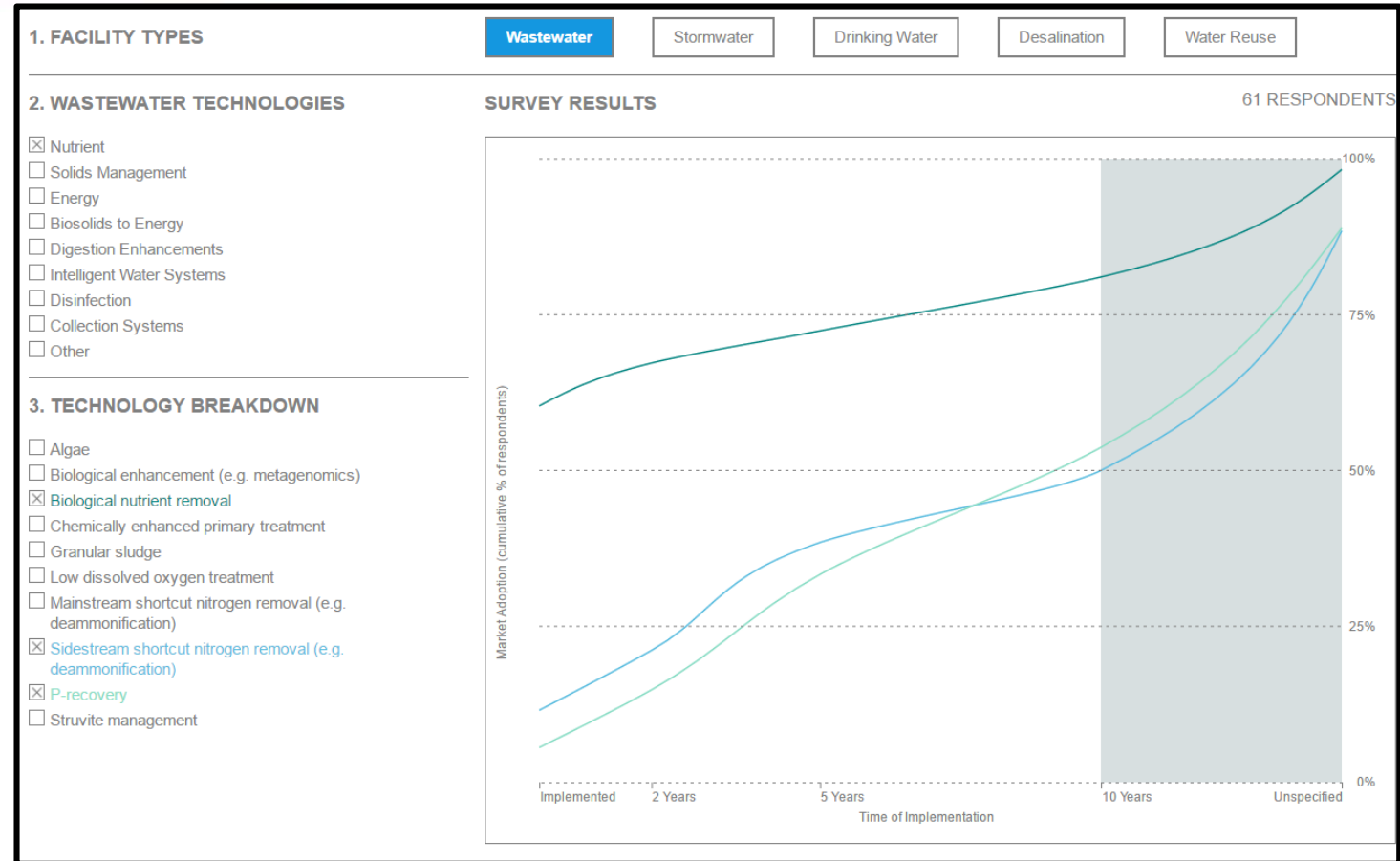


# Water Technology Survey



<http://www.werf.org/lift/visualizationtool>

- Deeper understanding of industry direction and peer's activities
- 90 responses received to date regarding 100+ types of technology
- Survey will be reissued in two years to update visualization



# Technology Scans Process



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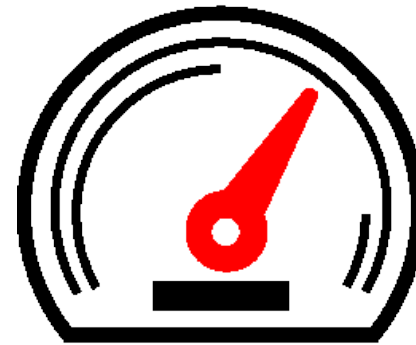
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# Technology Scans



Looking for innovative technologies that bring:



Expert panel of consultants, operators, regulators, and academics provides feedback on these criteria



# 2018 LIFT Scan Webinar Series



<http://www.werf.org/lift/techscanpresentations>

Topic	Technologies	Date
Sensors I	NPXPress (American Water), Seivers (SUEZ), SENTRY-AD (Island Water)	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Sensors II	LiquidD (ZAPS Technologies), Compass (Lutra), Colifast	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Hydrolysis <i>1.5 hour webinar</i>	SolidStream + THP (Cambi), TurboTec (SusTec), PONDUS (CNP), Biological Hydrolysis (SUEZ)	May 1 <sup>st</sup>

Other topics include: Water AI, Beyond Activated Sludge, Decentralized Systems, Aeration, Nutrient Recovery, Early-Stage Technologies, MABR

# LIFTLink



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| New Technologies | Pilot & Demonstration Sites & Data

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- BIOGAS TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY PRODUCTION, BIOMETHANE RECOVERY**  
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KORE Infrastructure's technology-based biogas management solution revolutionizes ...  
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- Digestion
- Direct Potable Reuse
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**Disinfection : Alternative disinfectant**

Last Comment: 2017-03-13 02:27 Posted on: 2016-09-23 01:37

We are interested in testing new disinfection technologies to eliminate sodium hypochlorite. We recently finished a side-stream pilot study to evaluate peracetic acid. We will be very interested in testing other advanced and environmental friendly technologies at our resource recovery (wastewater) plants.

Posted by: Achal Garg  
Organization: City of Cincinnati  
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Comment by: Shriresh Gollari | 13-Mar-2017  
Organization: Dallas Water Utilities

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Hello Achal, I am not sure if you have come across the "eBeam" technology. Dr. Suresh Pillai from Texas A&M is working on it for past few years. The technology has not yet commercialized for wastewater yet but has potential to safely disinfect and possibly reduce endocrine disruptors as well.

**Other : Use of electrocoagulation for removal of dispersed solids in effluents**

Posted on: 2016-12-12 05:04

Electrocoagulation has been mainly used in the treatment of industrial wastewater. Has electrocoagulation been used for the removal of dispersed solids in wastewater effluents and process streams? It is believed that the in-situ formation of the coagulating species results in lower volume sludge. Any case studies on the use and performance of this technology would be appreciated.

Posted by: Heriberto Bustamante  
Organization: Sydney Water Corporation (WSAA)  
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**Collection Systems : Use of calcium aluminate cement to repair and protect concrete gravity sewers against corrosion**

Posted on: 2016-12-12 04:52



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The FAST Water Network (Facilities Accelerating Science & Technology) by LIFT - formerly the National Water Resource Recovery test Bed Network - assists those developing and piloting technologies for the water sector. It works to connect researchers, new technology providers, and other innovators in the water resource recovery industry with test facilities appropriate for their needs. It also aims to manage risk and accelerate the adoption of innovation by engaging the broader water community.

The FAST Water Network was developed as a result of recommendations from stakeholder meetings and discussions organized by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation (WE&RF), the Water Environment Foundation (WEF).

The FAST Water Network aims to amplify work being done at Test Bed Facilities, by addressing three barriers: (1) connecting the right partners for testing, (2) ensuring applicability of test results beyond a small geographic region, or a highly specific facility layout, and (3) acceptance of the testing data to generate market demand. The FAST Water Network does not manage these facilities, but serves as a neutral party helping to coordinate their work and efforts to limit redundancy and wasted effort.

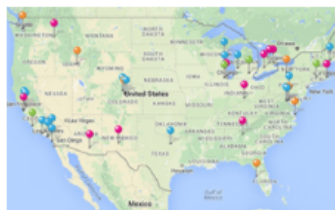
#### Funding Opportunities

Numerous sources offer funding for piloting and demonstrating water technologies. Please visit our [Funding Opportunities](#) page for more information.

We are always open to assistance in this effort. If you are interested in engaging with the network and are not sure, how please contact Dr. Aaron Fisher: [afisher@werf.org](mailto:afisher@werf.org).



#### Find a Test Bed Facility



#### Learn about Innovations & Connect with Innovators



#### LIFT SEE IT





# National Test Bed Network: FAST Water



- Steering Committee

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- Planning Partners



# Barriers to Modernizing



**Underinvestment**



**Technology Deployment and  
Validation Challenges**



**Conservative Risk-Averse  
Industry**



**Regulatory Barriers**

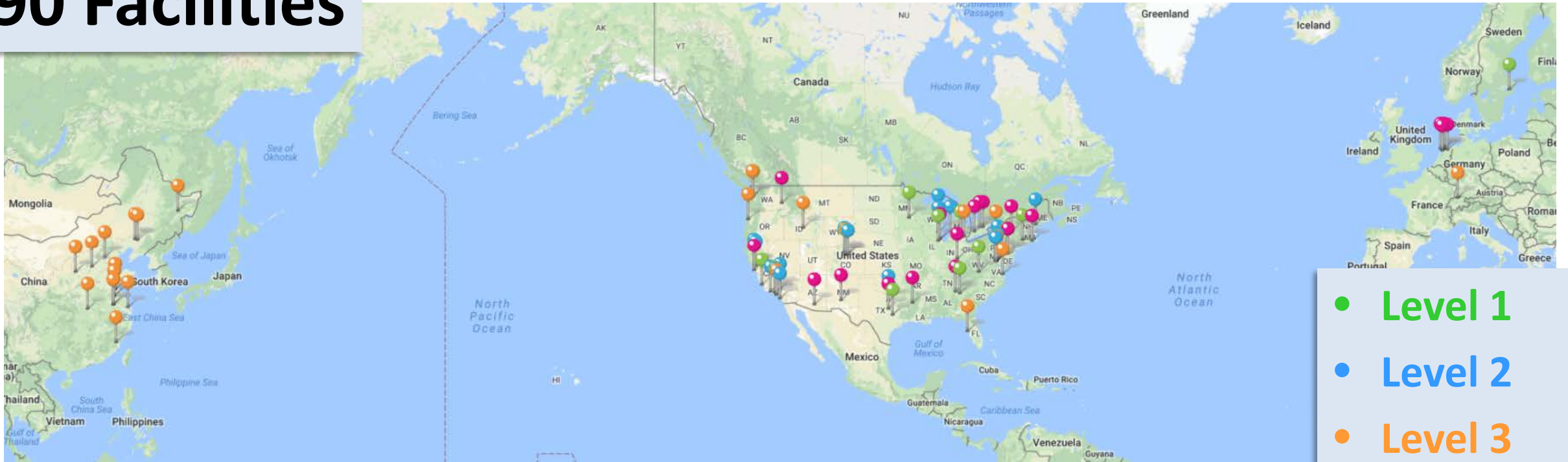


**Social and Behavioral Challenges**

# FAST Water Directory



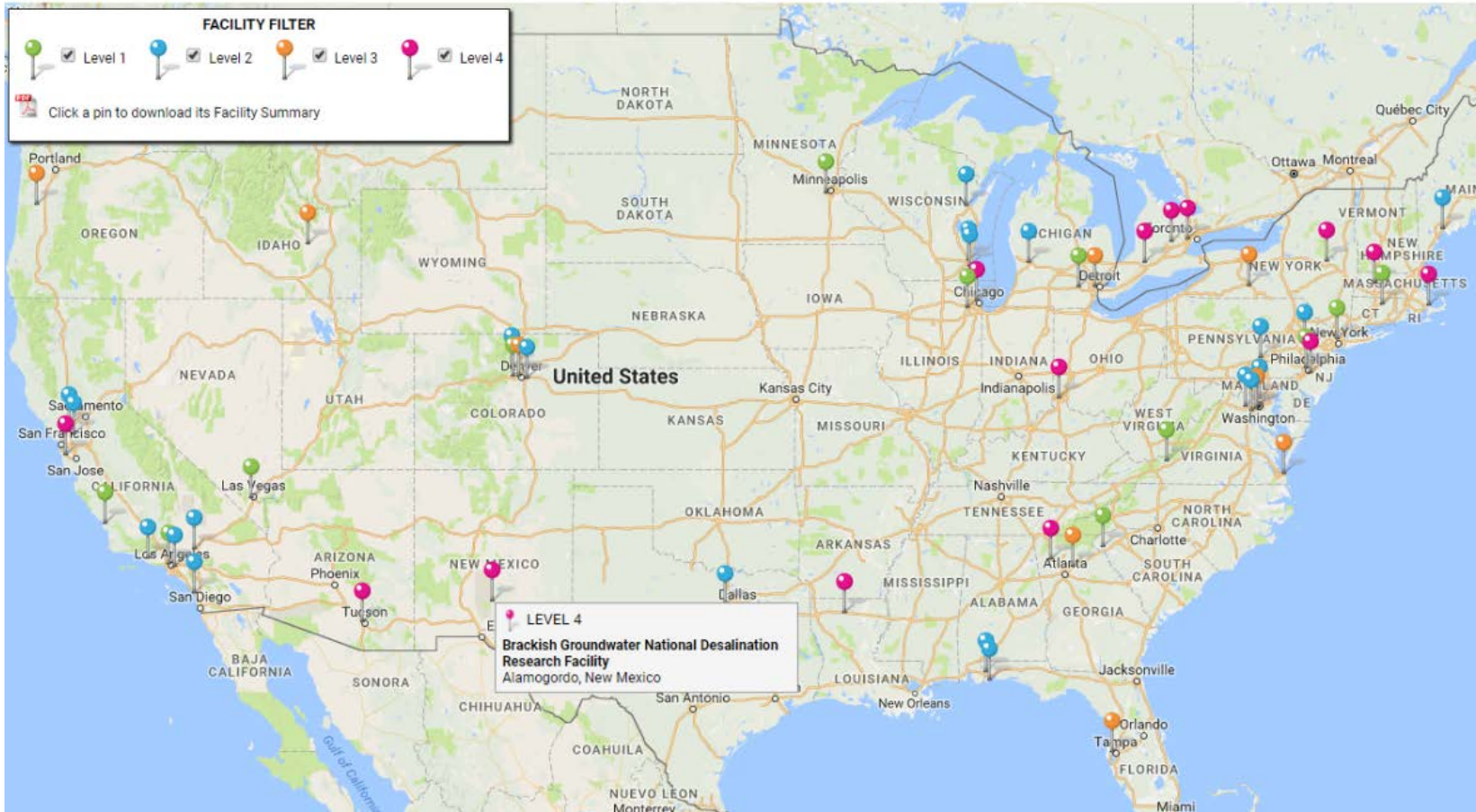
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- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4



# Facility Details



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## Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility Bureau of Reclamation

<b>Type of Facility</b>	Level 4: A staffed facility dedicated solely to R&D/piloting of new technologies (can be housed at a functioning WRRF)
<b>Facility Contact</b>	Randy Shaw, PE Facility Manager (575) 443-6553 <a href="mailto:rshaw@usbr.gov">rshaw@usbr.gov</a> <a href="http://www.usbr.gov/research/AWT/BGNDRF/index.html">http://www.usbr.gov/research/AWT/BGNDRF/index.html</a>
<b>Facility Address</b>	500 LaVelle Road Alamogordo, NM 88310 United States
<b>Facility Partners</b>	
<b>Description of Test Facility</b>	The Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility (BGNDRF) is a 43 acre complex comprised of a central research building, outdoor test pads, 5-acre agricultural research area, renewable energy test areas and 4 brackish water wells including a storage and source water delivery system. Research, development and demonstration work are conducted by a variety of organizations including universities, private sector companies, entrepreneurs, and government agencies. Facility use fees are being waived through September 2017.
<b>Staff</b>	The BGNDRF staff operate and maintain the facility. The Water Treatment Group in the Denver Reclamation office provide desalination technical assistance upon request. The Water Treatment Group has a staff of 12 with 5 PhD's in Chemical and Environmental Engineering and 7 Master's Degrees. Laboratory may depending on the nature of test

# Future Planned Activities



matchmaking



guidance



validation



data library



- Innovation Pavilion Sponsors
- Passport to Innovation
- LIFT Breakfast Meeting
- Committee Meetings
- WRF Booth





# WEF Initiatives for LIFT



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# University-Utility Collaborative Partnerships



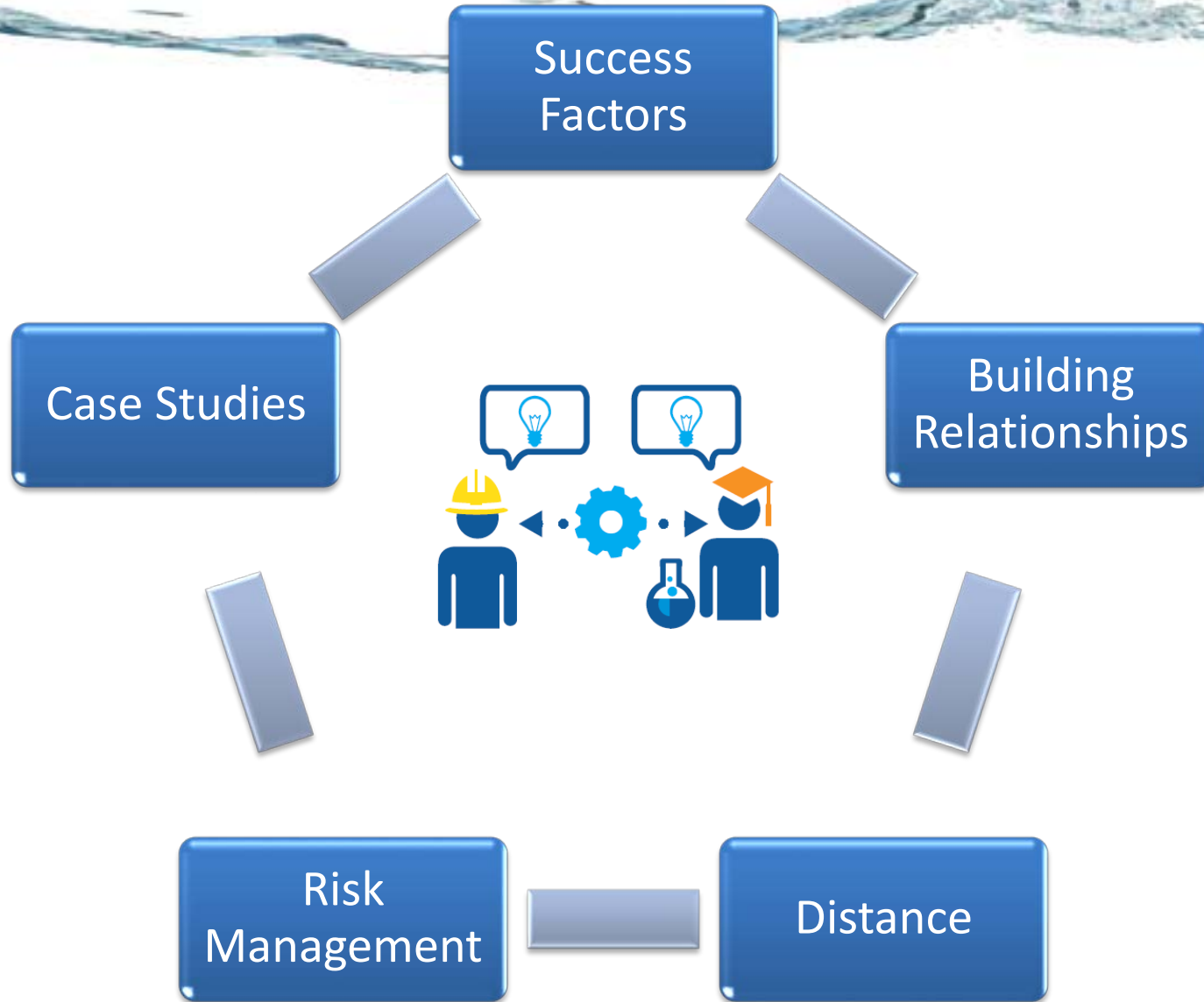
**Guidance Document now available to download for free on the WEF and WRF websites!!**

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# University-Utility Collaborative Partnerships: Guidance Document Topics

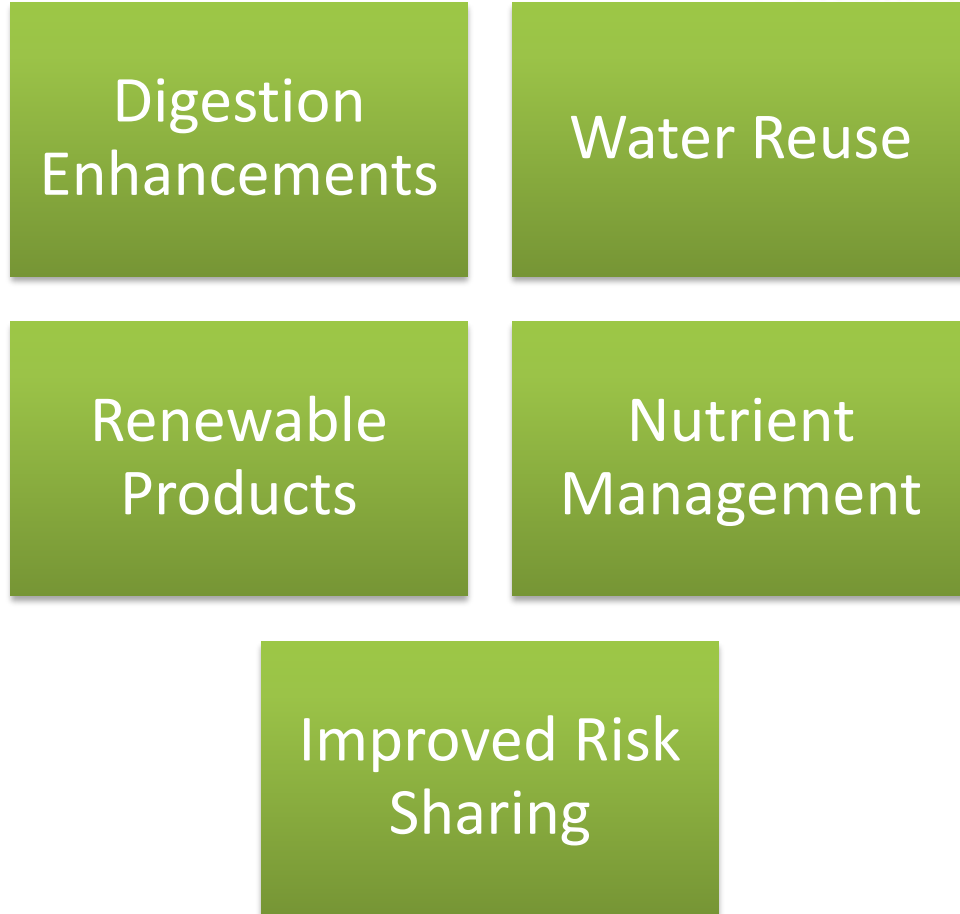


# Creating the Space to Innovate

**Purpose:** to create the regulatory space to help foster technology and approaches to innovation in the water sector.



# Creating the Space to Innovate: Experts Workshop (August 2017)



## Objectives:

- Discuss technology implementation scenarios and their regulatory/policy framework
- Refine current regulatory/policy options
- Identify next steps to support innovative technology adoption through enhancement of regulatory/policy landscape

# New LIFT Effort: Water Innovation Clusters



- Transitioning from U.S. EPA to WEF
- Brings clusters together to encourage collaboration
- Includes all types of water
  - Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Marine, Industrial, etc.





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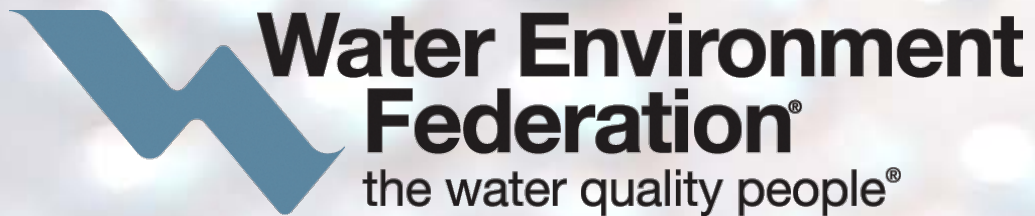




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# City of Raleigh Public Utilities LIFT SEE IT Trip Highlights

Erika L. Bailey, PE  
Plant Process Engineer  
City of Raleigh Public Utilities

# Topics for Today's Presentation

1. What Technologies and Why?
2. Site Visits Highlights and Key Take Aways
3. Benefits of Site Visits to City's Bioenergy Recovery Project



# Site Visit Drivers: Assist with Planning for City's Bioenergy Recovery Project

- Neuse River RRF
  - 60 mgd, expanding to 75 mgd
  - Centralized biosolids processing for all three RRFs
  - Enhanced nutrient removal
- Converting to advanced digestion with Thermal Hydrolysis Pretreatment (THP)
  - Includes biogas utilization
  - Includes side stream short-cut nitrogen removal



# Technologies Visited

- Part 1: Side Stream Short-Cut Nitrogen Removal Systems
  - Treating high strength filtrate from anaerobic digestion process
  - Technologies incorporating recent process enhancements
- Part 2: Biosolids Handling Processes using THP with Mesophilic Anaerobic Digestion
  - Focus on similar sized systems
  - Using newer, modular THP reactors



# LIFT SEE IT Site Visits – Highlights

Part 1: Side Stream Short-Cut Nitrogen Removal Treatment Systems

# conDEA™ Process at Amersfoort WWTP, NL

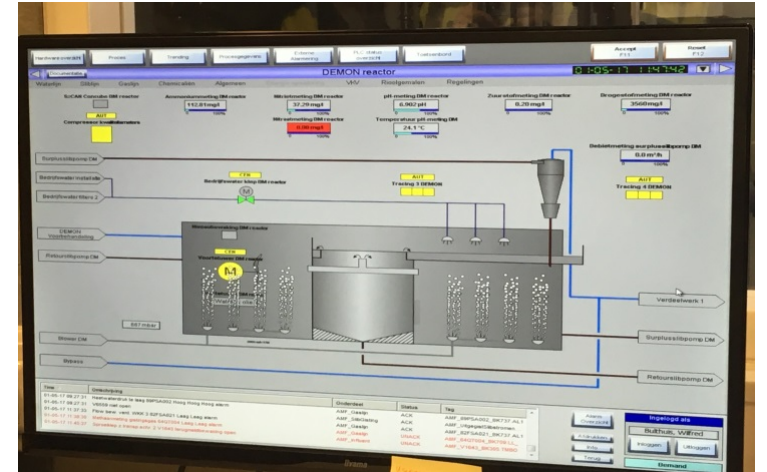
- Continuous flow through process
- Utilizes cyclone separator to separate / retain annamox granules
- One tank design (clarifier in middle)
- One of earliest flow-through DEMON® systems
  - Installed in 2012
  - THP, WASSTRIP, and OSTARA Processes added 2015/2016





# conDEA™ Process – Key Take Aways

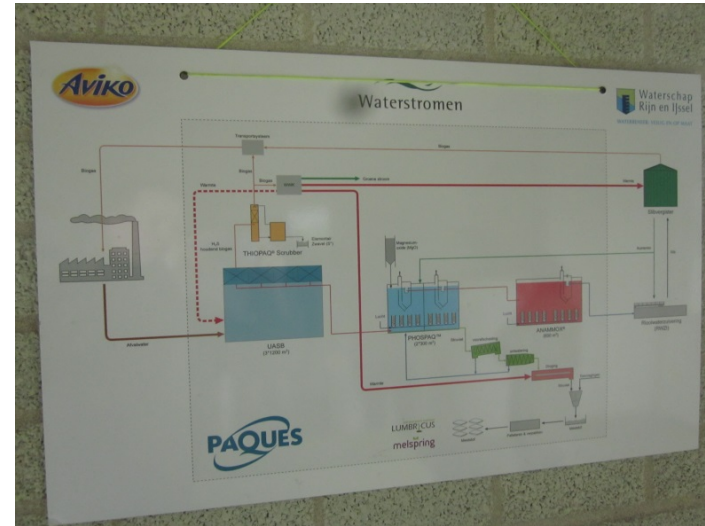
- Flow-through process is attractive alternative to SBR
- All-in-one tank configuration is space efficient option
- Very important to manage filtrate quality!
  - Common take-away for all three systems





# AnammoPAQ™ Process, Olburgen, NL

- Treats potato processing + biosolids recycle streams
- Upstream phosphorus recovery process
- Continuous flow through process
- Completely granular system
- Anammox and AOB bacteria co-exist on granules (1 - 5 mm dia.)
- No RAS; Single pass operation
- Granules retained in system through inclined plate separator in tank
- Occasional “sluicing” of excess granules



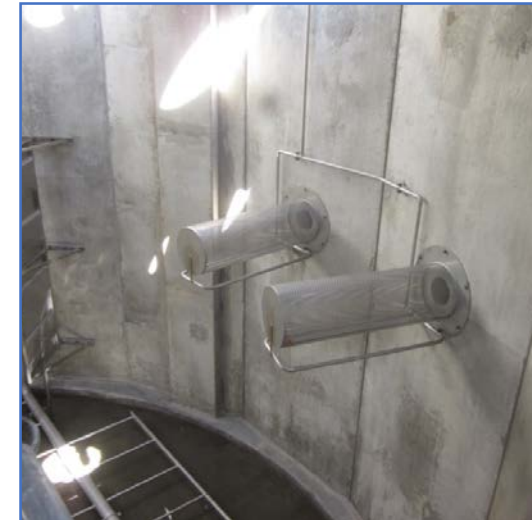
# AnammoPAQ™ Process – Key Take Aways

- Simple system
- Control system individualized for each application
- Higher N loading rates, but phosphorus pretreatment achieves significant sCOD reduction



# ANITA™ Mox IFAS Process in Boras, Sweden

- New treatment plant under construction
- Will treat leachate + filtrate
- Filtrate will be diluted 1:1
- Continuous flow through process
- Anammox bacteria colonized on plastic media carriers
- Majority of AOBs are in the suspended phase (Zhao et al)
- Clarifier used for solids return, waste from RAS line to maintain design liquid phase SRT





# ANITA™ Mox IFAS Process – Key Take Aways

- Very similar to MBBR configuration, except for:
  - Secondary Clarifier
  - RAS / WAS Pumping
- IFAS system provides some additional process control
  - SRT control
  - Lower operating DO





# LIFT SEE IT Site Visits – Highlights

Part 2: Biosolids Handling Processes using THP with Mesophilic Anaerobic Digestion



# Visited Three Different WWTPs with Modular, B6 THP Reactors in Operation

- All plants using CAMBI B6 THP Reactors
- All plants utilizing digester gas for CHP
- Each had slightly different solids handling process configuration



Seafeld WTW,  
Edinburgh, UK



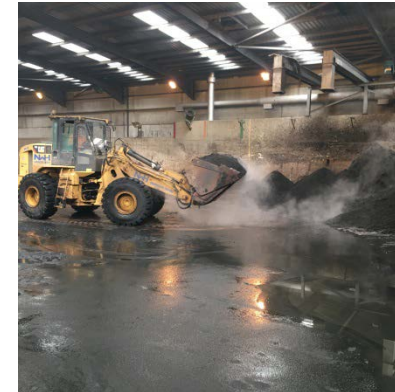
Crawley STW,  
West Sussex, UK



Long Reach STW,  
Kent London, UK

# Seafield WTW Highlights

- Two B6-3 THP Trains
- Design Pop Equiv. of 850,000
  - + Additional 20 trucks/d of imported biosolids
- Centrifuges for Pre and Post Dewatering
- 90 - 95% energy self sufficient
- 32% final cake solids



# Crawley STW Highlights

- One B6-3 THP Train (first B6)
- Treats 15 mgd indigenous biosolids + 15 mgd imported
- CEPT, so higher Primary / WAS
- BFPs for Pre and Post Dewatering
- Limited to 1 MW CHP
- 29 - 30% final cake solids





# Long Reach STW Highlights

- One B6-3 THP Train
- Designed for Pop Equiv. of 900,000
  - ~80 mgd
- WAS only THP design
  - No cooling prior to digestion
- WAS only concept reduces equipment, but does not achieve Class A biosolids
- Bucher hydraulic press for final dewatering
  - Only achieving 25% currently
  - vs. 35% at other plants





# Overall THP Site Visit Take-Aways

- B6 modules are space efficient. No odors noted, but vibration noted during periods of operating cycle
- System efficiency is closely monitored
  - i.e., polymer usage (lb/dry ton)
  - Gas utilization
  - Final cake solids (% TS)
- Final dewatered product is very inert
- A lot of variability in final cake characteristics
  - Seafield – More granular (centrifuge and screw conveyors)
  - Crawley – Soil like texture, more malleable (BFPs and belt conveyors)
  - Long Reach – Soil like texture, but much wetter (Bucher presses)

# Benefits of LIFT SEE IT Site Visits

- Shared site visit findings with entire design team
- Utilized side stream site visits to assist with technical evaluation of systems being considered
- Valuable networking opportunity
  - Meet with process experts
  - See how utilities are successfully implementing and operating systems
  - Be aware of process challenges that need to be considered in design
- Opportunity to take a more in depth review of THP systems during design phase

# Thank You to WRF, WEF, and NACWA

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# 2018 INTELLIGENT WATER SYSTEMS CHALLENGE

Fidan Karimova





# Agenda

- Background and introduction
- Intelligent Water Challenge structure
- Judging criteria
- Registration
- Q&A

## Supporting Organizations:





# LIFT IWS Challenge Vision

- Focus on leveraging data using the best available tools to help utilities better understand the dynamics of complex systems for making better decisions.
- Give students, professionals and technology aficionados the opportunity to showcase their talents and innovation.

# Benefits for Utility Participants

- Design your own challenge problems
- Using real world data (if you like to use your own data, that will be ideal)
- Work with the team members to identify solutions based on smart technologies and IoT
- Receive innovative solutions to solve your problems
- Learn more about state of the art in intelligent water technologies
- Opportunity for different staff to become engaged in IWS



# Benefits for Young Professionals & Students

- Share unique, out of the box ideas on collaborative teams
- Network with innovative water professionals
- Learn through ideation, planning and implementation of Intelligent Water Systems
- Gain valuable experience working with early adopters of Intelligent Water Systems
- Apply your education to real-world data and problems
- Insider insights into utility management

# Benefits for Technology Providers

- Understand utility challenges
- Get real-world data from utilities
- Work with the utilities to identify solutions through smart technologies and IoT
- Showcase your innovative solutions applied to real problems
- Quantify and qualify the value provided through IWS solutions

# Challenge Goal

- The goal of this Challenge is to identify the best demonstrations of how IWS and the transformation of data into information can improve a utility's knowledge and decisions, by solving a specific problem
  - Teams will have to demonstrate the use of IWS to solve their problem statement
  - Explain why and how IWS provides value to this solution (e.g. what is it that you couldn't do before, that you can do with IWS)
  - Quantify/qualify the unique value add that an IWS solution provided compared to status quo to solve the specific problem, as defined by the team in the problem statement

# Challenge Solutions

- Solutions should highlight:
  - What is the specific problem that the utility needs to be solved?  
What are the metrics to determine success?
  - How will IWS provide value to this solution as opposed to status quo?
  - Proposed plan to solve problem and data streams to be used
  - Implemented solution, including data analytics



# Suggested Challenge Categories

- Collection Systems
- Wastewater Treatment Systems
- Drinking Water Treatment Systems
- Source Water/Watershed
- Distribution Networks
- Other

# How to Participate

- 2 Different Team Formats
  - Partnered Team
  - Regular Team
- Academics, consultants, students, tech provider or utility
- Teams will consist of up to 6 individuals
- Learning opportunity for staff to get involved in Intelligent Water
- Interested participants without a team will be matched

# Challenge Format

- Utility-Partnered Teams will submit their problem statement
- Regular Teams will be matched with a problem statement and data set
- Teams will be matched with Steering Committee members for progress check-ins throughout the Challenge
- 2 Submission Deadlines: Challenge Plan and Final Solution
- Top teams will present at WEFTEC for judging and awards ceremony

# Challenge Structure

- February 23: Registration Opening
- February 27: Challenge Webinar
- March 23: Utility need submission (not on a team)
- April 6: Registration Deadline
- April 9 – September 3: Challenge in Progress
- September 3: Submission Deadline
- October 1: Final Presentation & Awards at *WEFTEC 2018, New Orleans, LA*



# Challenge in Progress

- April 9 – September 3:
  - April 23: Challenge Plan Submission Deadline
  - April 23 – May 4: Discussion with assigned steering committee members
  - June 18 – June 22: Discussion with assigned steering committee members
  - September 3: Final solution submission

# April 23: Challenge Plan Submission

- Challenge Plans should include:
  - Problem Statement
  - Desired Outcomes
  - Methodology
  - Data Set Description
  - Proposed Implementation Plan

# September 3: Submission Deadline

- Submission Package will be submitted via e-mail
- Submission Packages should include:
  - Team
  - Problem Statement
  - Characterization of Intelligent Water System
  - The Plan
  - Data
  - Analysis & Interpretation
  - Communication & Use
  - The Solution

# What You'll Do – and We'll Evaluate

- Form a **Team**;
- Make a **Plan**:
  - Define the problem, understand the system, and lay out a plan;
- **Implement** your Solution:
  - Manage the data, do the analysis, communicate actionable results, and solve the problem;
- **Impress the Judges!**

Intelligent Water Systems Challenge Judging Sheet

TEAM NAME	<input type="text" value="(team name)"/>
JUDGE	<input type="text" value="(judge name)"/>
SCORE	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 140

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Raw (0-10) x Weight = Score

TEAM	Raw (0-10)	Weight	Score
<b>1 Team</b> includes necessary skills and has appropriate utility input or <i>(partnered teams only)</i> representation.	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 1.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 10
<b>PLAN</b>			
<b>2 Problem Statement</b> that shows understanding of how analytics can address utilities' challenges in utilities' terms <i>(partnered teams only)</i> .	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 2.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 20
<b>3 Characterization of the Intelligent Water System</b> by describing the existing system or its salient parts.	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 1.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 10
<b>4 Plan</b> that lays out a realistic timeline and approach for achieving the intended solution.	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 1.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 10
<b>IMPLEMENT</b>			
<b>5 Data</b> streams are clearly identified and <b>QA/QC</b> appropriately discussed.	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 2.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 20
<b>6 Analysis &amp; Interpretation</b> deliver results that clearly support the intended solution.	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 2.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 20
<b>7 Communication &amp; Use</b> provide actionable results supporting decisions.	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 2.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 20
<b>8 The Solution</b> meets utility expectations using appropriate tools.	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 2.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 20
<b>JUDGE'S IMPRESSIONS</b>			
<b>9 Recognition</b> of alignment with IWSC goals, scalability and sustainability, lessons learned, and more.	<input type="text" value=""/>	x 1.0 =	<input type="text" value=""/> out of 10
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# Awards

Top Team Award - \$25,000 cash

\$10,000 Best Overall Solution

\$15,000 1<sup>st</sup> Place Solution (Partnered Team)

\$15,000 1<sup>st</sup> Place Solution (Regular Team)

Other prizes to be announced

# Q&A

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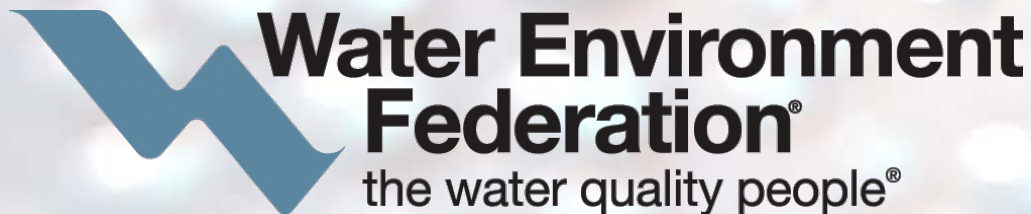
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