

Abstracts Are Now Being Accepted for MRWS's 2011 Annual Conference

I am writing to invite you to submit an abstract for the Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS) 32nd Annual Conference, which will take place from **February 23-25, 2011** in Great Falls, at the Heritage Inn Convention Center. MRWS (www.mrws.org) is the largest professional association in Montana that provides training and technical support to water and wastewater programs in their efforts to protect public health. Our membership is 400 plus, from the large cities to the small schools in rural Montana. Speakers this year will have an excellent opportunity to present new technologies and ideas, discuss regulatory compliance, funding and accounting issues, and treatment issues with state operators, superintendents, mayors, city clerks, and others in the water and wastewater community. By contributing your knowledge and vision to the conference's program, you can help us achieve our goal of protecting public health as we face an array of 21st century challenges.

Presentation themes may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Small systems: Sustainability strategies, technologies, and compliance
- Source water protection and sustainability of water supplies
- Water/Wastewater and energy efficiency, and conservation
- Clean Water Act/Safe Drinking Water Act connections
- Data management, security, and other issues
- Distribution system issues (piping, valves, and hydrants)
- Research, training, and innovative technologies
- Risk communication and consumer outreach
- Government accounting and audits
- Funding projects
- Legislative issues for 2011

When reviewing proposals, MRWS will give priority to those received from our associate membership and their immediate staff. If you would like to make a presentation, please submit a one-page or less abstract with the proposed presentation title, and your name and contact information. **The due date is September 20, 2010!**

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call John Camden at 406-454-1151 or email at mrws@att.net. I hope you will consider submitting an abstract and being a speaker at the conference in February of 2011. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,
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