Public Works Academy Chair Report, January, 22, 2013:

1. We are continuing with our initiative to attract High School Students and those that have recently graduated from High School for careers in Public Works. Met with pTEC's Executive Director of CTE (Career & Technical Education) Dave Barnes and his staff to discuss future Public Works High School programs within the Pinellas County School District. Exploring the possibility of a 4-year High School Academy of Public Works. Also met with Marketing and PWA to develop media to encourage young people's interest in Public Works.

2. We are committed to support the Public Works Academy program in Tarpon Springs. The next class will begin in Tarpon Springs in September of 2013. This is going to be based upon approval of The Council on Occupational Education (COE). We feel that offering the program at this location is a great opportunity for all those in or near north Pinellas to receive the necessary training for careers in Public Works.

3. Public Works Academy class started on January 14th, eleven students are currently enrolled, with internships with various municipalities within Pinellas County. Next class starts April 30th.

4. The State has dropped the Water and Wastewater Plant Operator programs from the State Demand Occupations List due to lack of growth. This effect the schools ability to receive funding to train individuals in this field.
5. We are offering training to help agencies comply with the new DOT drug & alcohol testing (49 CFR parts 382.601 & 603). Training CDL drivers and those that supervise them. Please contact us to schedule the training.

6. Please let us know of any of your training needs for 2013. We are prepared to provide training at a location that is convenient and cost effective for your organization.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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APWA Florida Chapter Public Works Institute

Please accept this report as my input and update on the Florida Chapter Public Works Institute. Module III has been rescheduled to February 26-28, 2013 to accommodate scheduling conflicts and low enrollment. We currently have nine returning participants from Module II. I’ve received request to move the modules from the end of the month to mid-month to accommodate some department demands, this change will permanently take place in 2014.

The Institute graduated one student on October 18 after completing all 90-hours. Module I will meet on May 14 - 16 2013. I am looking forward to the additional support to market the Institute during the Annual Meeting & Trade Show in Jacksonville.

CCTI will create a new marketing flyer to define how the Donald C. Stone (DCS) and Institute function, as a whole. We will discuss the benefits of attending the Florida Institute along with affordability. A survey is under construction and should be sent out in February to obtain feedback from Public Works Professionals on what their current needs are in the field as they seek to hire or promote. Another important component of the flyer is the promotion of Florida Chapter Scholarships and specific Branches who offer scholarships for education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas; my direct line is (772) 462-7431. I look forward to seeing you all in April!

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Course Offerings
The APWA Florida Chapter Public Works Institute at IRSC offers existing or aspiring supervisors, crew leaders and managers an opportunity to obtain a leadership role within their business, governmental agency, educational institution, and nonprofit community. The PWI consists of three 30 hour modules. Each module is offered in both live and online formats. Live formats have the added benefit of on-site tours of the different aspects of Public Works. Online classes are taught in a six-week format to reduce the need for travel expenses. Upon completion of the 90 hour program, participants will receive a letter of completion from the American Public Works Association.

Each Module focuses on the skills needed to be a successful supervisor, manager or leader. Participants will learn operations within Public Works, organizational behaviors, leadership expectations, decision-making process, hiring practices, development of staff, conflict resolution, meeting goals and objectives, time and stress management, conducting meetings for optimum results, technology, manage outside resources, project management, effective communication and discover the connection between the organization and citizens within the community. These topics will prepare the participant to develop leadership skills required in a Public Works environment.

MAJOR LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Completion of the APWA Florida Chapter Public Works Institute new leaders are expected to be able to:
- Develop knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary for success in management and leadership positions in a variety of business, governmental, educational, and nonprofit settings.
- Demonstrate advanced professional using appropriate interpersonal, communication and critical thinking skills that are required for successful performance and progress in an organization.
- Exhibit leadership with the ability to be a change agent within an organization and the business, governmental, educational, and nonprofit community.
- Demonstrate personal and professional ethical responsibility in all managerial and organizational decision making.
- Provide leadership in promoting customer and citizen diversity for the growth of the community.
- Integrate appropriate technology into the leadership and management and decision making process.

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Learning outcomes are determined by measuring the ability of each new leader to retain the learning objectives of the course. Performance-based methods, such as completion of assigned projects, general knowledge tests, oral and written presentations of assignments, group discussions, observation of mastery of critical skills and analysis of the final product will determine the final grade on this course. In addition, the new leader’s participation and class etiquette will be part of the final assessment.

It will be expected and implied that all assignments will be completed in a professional manner to uphold the expected outcomes.

***Scholarship information can be obtained from the Florida Chapter website: www.florida.apwa.net click on the Resources tab to locate Scholarships***

Live Modules are taught at Indian River State College’s main campus in Fort Pierce, FL. Each module costs $315 per person. Classes meet from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. A hot Continental Breakfast and Lunch is included – Dinner is on your own. (Local hotel partnership rates are available)

Module I:
May 14, 15 & 16, 2013
Module II:
October 16, 17 & 18, 2012
Module III:
February 26, 27 & 28, 2013
Online Modules are six-weeks in length. All components are taught online. Each module cost $399 per person per module.

Module I:
April 2013
Module II:
November 2013
Module III:
February 2013 & February 2014
*online modules begin the 4th Wednesday of the month*

Register today at: www.irs biz.com

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