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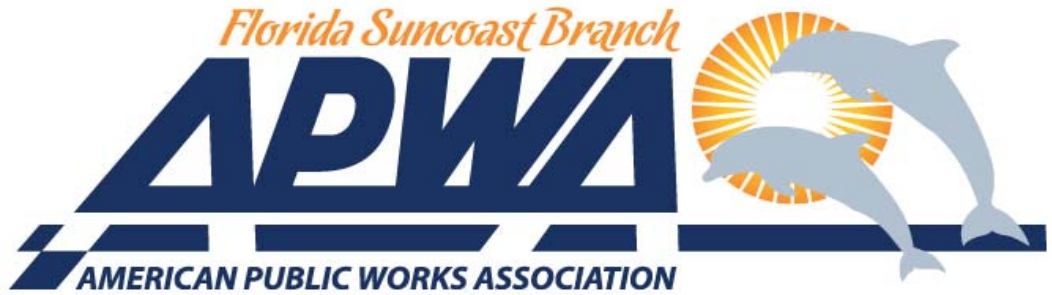
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Suncoast Branch News letter

September 2012

Chairman's Message

More Immigration vs. US Jobs?

With the election coming soon we are certainly in the middle of many heated debates over the general direction of our great country. One such topic of interest is over our immigration policies and their affect on jobs in America. On 9-26-12, congress defeated a bill that would have changed the "diversity visa lottery, which was created in 1990 and which awards green cards to as many as 55,000 people each year through random chance" (Lamar Smith, R-TX) to a system that would grant immigration based on people seeking degrees in engineering, math and science.

You may be thinking, this is discriminatory, but recent testimony by Cornell President Skorton pointed out that foreign students at many of our top research universities are graduating with an abundance of knowledge and talent, but are forced to return to their home countries due to lack of immigration opportunities in the US. Therefore, instead of creating a start up company

or working for American companies that employ American workers and pay American taxes, these graduates are forced to return to their home countries.

Whether we agree with this specific bill or another, the fact remains that we need to consider a mechanism to capture this talent pool that we are creating and EXPORTING.

These links provides more information about the issue:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-j-skorton/immigration-reform-the-ec_b_914973.html
<http://www.startribune.com/politics/170572196.html>

Have a great day!
Chris



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Please remember to renew your APWA National Membership!
The Suncoast Branch benefits from your renewal!

APWA Suncoast Branch 2012-2013

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Thank You

Thanks to Mr. Jason Timmons for his informative presentation regarding ““Overview of the facilities at the Sarasota County Central Landfill”

APWA Suncoast Branch Breakfast Meeting

When:

Wednesday Sept 26, 2012 at 7:30 AM

Where:

Dutch Heritage
(3713 Bahia Vista St, Sarasota, FL)

Cost:

Members: \$10

Non-Members: \$13

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Wendy MacMurry
Precision Sidewalk Safety
Corp.,

About the Speaker

MacMurray began her career in the IT industry in a sales position for IBM Corporation, where she managed large accounts. She was soon promoted to International Account Manager for IBM, where she was successful in establishing strategic alliances throughout the United States and Europe between IBM and Arthur Andersen & Co. MacMurray joined Motorola's International Cellular Infrastructure Division in 1992. She held various positions at Motorola, including Manager of International Proposal Development for all of Asia, the Middle East and Africa; Manager of Technical Sales for the same; and Area Manager for Business Development in Southeast Asia, specifically managing sales efforts in Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam. She then was recruited by QUALCOMM in San Diego, where she accepted a role as Director of Product Marketing in 1996. In 1997 she was promoted to Senior Director in charge of all marketing activities for the infrastructure division. Soon after, MacMurray was promoted to Vice President, where she managed a group of approximately 50 marketing and engineering professionals in product/technical marketing, marketing communications, strategic marketing and proposal development worldwide. MacMurray was a key player in Swedish company Ericsson's acquisition of the QUALCOMM infrastructure division in February of 1999. From 1999 to 2005, she was Ericsson's Vice President of Marketing and Communications and served as a member of the executive team for Ericsson's worldwide CDMA business, headquartered in San Diego. In 2005, with two young children, MacMurray retired from her role as Vice President and moved her family to Ocala, Florida, where she later co-founded Precision Sidewalk Safety Corp., the Florida operation of Precision Concrete Cutting located in Provo, Utah. MacMurray recognized the unique and powerful aspects of this patented approach, which supports municipalities and property owners who care about safety, access for the disabled, the environment, and aesthetics in their communities. In 2007, the company expanded its operation to include South Carolina. MacMurray received her Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Chicago and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois.

Abstract of Presentation

The quality of a city's sidewalks is viewed by both residents and visitors as a measure of the culture and sophistication of city management. Sidewalks demonstrate how much a community cares about itself and its inhabitants and they bring buyers and sellers together to grow a community's economy. This short presentation will discuss an innovative technology and how it has been used by many Florida municipalities to improve sidewalk infrastructure, improve safety and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and decrease risk and liability – all while reducing municipal costs by a staggering 40 – 80% over conventional methods.

Current Job Openings

In and around the Suncoast Branch - Provided by APWA Workzone

Director Transportation & Stormwater– Pinellas County Government, FL **Salary Range: \$110,246 - \$165,369 + excellent benefits**

Pinellas County is seeking an individual who is a strong, effective leader with good communication and team building skills. Must be able to develop & maintain strong partnership and mentor & facilitate the development of Transportation & Stormwater into a high performing organization. Transportation & Stormwater is a division of the recently formed Department of Environment & Infrastructure. DEI was created from the merger of 3 existing County departments (Public Works, Utilities and part of Environmental Management) with the purpose of providing cost effective and efficient services to our residents. The Transportation & Stormwater Division has 6 sections with 244 employees and is responsible for managing street & bridge maintenance, traffic engineering & traffic management divisions, along with the functions of vegetation, mosquito & tree management and watershed management.

Minimum Requirements: BS/BA and 8 years progressively responsible experience in managing engineering teams and public works projects.

Desirables: BS Engineering; MBA/MPA.

Application and additional information available at: www.pinellascounty.org under Jobs.

Senior Utilities Engineer- Inwood consulting Engineers, Inc., Oviedo, FL

Inwood Consulting Engineers is seeking a full time licensed engineer to manage the water and wastewater utilities department in our Oviedo, Florida office. The position requires the ability to lead the technical design of pipeline/pump station projects, and manage/market clients. We offer competitive benefits and salary. We are an equal opportunity employer. Email resume to resume@inwoodinc.com.

Project Manager - Public Works Director; ESG Operations, Inc. Crawfordville, FL 32327

ESG Operations, Inc. is one of the fastest growing utility management and engineering companies in the Southeast, currently providing engineering and operations services in 6 states across the Southeast U.S. We are currently recruiting for a senior level manager for our Wakulla County, Florida Project. If you are an experienced, highly motivated professional anxious for career-developing opportunities and challenges please contact us.

Requirements:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Environmental Sciences, Engineering or other related field required. Must have a minimum of five years experience in the public works administration field, including supervisory and customer relations experience. Solid skills and experience in business writing, excel, access database, automated work order systems and time keeping systems preferred. Experience in wastewater treatment is strongly preferred. Must have excellent communication skills and be able to work with and interact with all County staff and elected officials. An equivalent combination of training, education and experience may be considered.

Construction Project Supervisor—City of Largo, FL **Salary Range: \$43323.20 - \$56659.20**

The City of Largo on the Gulf Coast of Tampa Bay is seeking an individual to function as the Construction Project Supervisor to join its Community Development Department. As the Construction Project Supervisor, this position will be responsible for performing various in-field and administrative functions involving contract services for infrastructure construction, major repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of City capital infrastructure. Infrastructure responsibilities include roadways, stormwater and sanitary sewer.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor Degree in Construction Management, Engineering, or related field and five years associated work experience; or Associates Degree and an equivalent combination of training and experience. Valid Florida Driver License required.

To view a full job description and to complete an online application, please visit us at www.largo.com. Please submit all applications by 10/04/12.

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Sarasota County Technical Institute

Sarasota County School Board



July 2012

Jun 6–Aug 10 During the summer, office hours are limited. Please leave a message for us to call you back.

Enjoy your summer!

August 2012

Aug 13 End of summer schedule.

September 2012

Sept 10-14	Water Distribution “3” Certification Course	\$300.00*	8:00am-4:30pm M-Th
	*\$330 for non-members, \$90 for exam only, payable to Region XII		8:00-10:30am Fri.
	Call or email for the FWPCOA Region XII application form. (see bottom of page)		

October 2012

Oct 8-12	Wastewater Collection “C” Certification Course	\$300.00*	8:00am-4:30pm M-Th
	*\$330 for non-members, \$90 for exam only, payable to Region XII		8:00-10:30am Fri.
	Call or email for the FWPCOA Region XII application form. (see bottom of page)		
Oct 24-25	FDEP Stormwater, Erosion, and Sedimentation Control Certification (8 PDH) Provider #0005167	\$195.00	8:00am-5:00pm

November 2012

Nov 12-13	Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic (IMOT)	\$299.00	8:00am-5:00pm
Nov 14	Refresher Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)	\$199.00	8:00am-5:00pm
Nov 29	Flagging	\$98.00	8:00am-12:00pm

December 2012

Dec 11-13	Region XII FWPCOA Winter Short School for CEUs	\$300.00*	8:00am-5:00pm
	Call for the special application form.	*\$330.00 non-members	
	Location: Suncoast Public Works Academy at SCTI, Beneva Rd, 2 nd building south of Wilkinson Rd		
Dec 24-Jan 4	Winter break – office will be closed. Enjoy your holidays.		

January 2013

Jan 7 Office reopens after winter break

Security Officer Class “D” will be offered in December 2012. Register in SCTI Student Services.

Prices subject to change. 72 hour cancellation required.

Fax registrations to (941) 925-3592 Questions? Call (941)-924-1365 x-62473
kristey_richardson@sarasota.k12.fl.us

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September is National Preparedness Month

Pledge to Prepare: Apps, Resources and More

[CLICK TO LEARN MORE](#)

The NPM campaign encourages agencies, communities, individuals, families and businesses to take action to prepare for emergencies – individually or as a group – and protect themselves during hazardous events. Visit the link for more info <http://www.apwa.net/Media/2012/9/7/September-is-National-Preparedness-Month>

APWA Professional Development **e-Learning Opportunities** for Public Works Professionals

Construction Inspection Podcast Series:

The Changing Role of CSM

This podcast series focuses on the role of the construction site manager and the site inspector and the changing role of both while managing today's construction projects. Download available for FREE to APWA members through the APWA library . Visit <http://www2.apwa.net/Education/elearning/> for more details.

Upcoming Click, Listen & Learn Programs:

An Overview of MAP-21: October 13, 2012

Details: <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5389>

Utilizing an Incident Command System for Public Works : October 18, 2012

Details: <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5388>

To see a list of all upcoming Click, Listen & Learn Programs go to:
<http://www2.apwa.net/Education/CLL/>