## **MSAWWA-MWEA JOINT CONFERENCE**

• APRIL 24-25, 2019 - BILLINGS, MT

### **PRECONFERENCE**

• APRIL 23, 2019 -BILLINGS, MT



# WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE JOINT CONFERENCE?

# VALUE OF JOINT CONFERENCE:

## **Powerful Networking Opportunities**

- Utility Contacts
- Vendor Contacts
- Engineering Contacts
- Regulatory Contacts

#### **Continuing Education Credits**

Educational experience
 Obtain most or all required annual CEUs at one time with
 Maximum benefit

#### **Solutions to Current Problems**

Solutions to regulatory, equipment and process issues

### Finding Ways to do More with What We Already Have

Meeting with colleagues to provide insights into how you can deliver better performance and/or service

### **New Technologies**

Explore industry trends and innovations introducing more cost-effective approaches to water and wastewater processes

#### **Cross-Training**

• While attending conferences it gives others in your organization opportunity to learn your job and take on more responsibility

## **Staff Presentations**

- Share the Information gained from MSAWWA/MWEA Joint Conference
- · Prepare and submit a written report to your manager of findings with short term and long-term action items
- Prepare and deliver a staff briefing of findings so that your organization can benefit from what you learn
- Assist others in learning how to effectively attend a similar conference and deliver the maximum benefit to your organization

# JUSTIFICATIONS:

### Justify the Expense

- Focus on the knowledge & information you will be bringing back to your team
- Calculate your expenses for attending the conference
  - Registration
  - o Travel Costs
  - Lodging
  - o Per Diem
  - o Mileage Reimbursement

# **GENERAL TIPS**

- Identify your organization's benefits with specific needs and Conference sessions offered
- List issues that your organization may be facing where the conference may assist in finding solutions



#### **Details to Identify**

- <u>Session Content</u>: Identify specific sessions that are relevant to your organizations' work
- <u>Vendor Contacts</u>: Identify specific exhibitors & tools being showcased
- <u>Highlight:</u> The most relevant & innovative technologies & ideas around the state and beyond will be offered.
- <u>Best Practices</u>: Spotlight all the pertinent training sessions from which your group will immediately benefit
- <u>Training</u>: Emphasize relevant workshops designed to teach specific skills that will assist you and your team