MSAWWA-MWEA JOINT CONFERENCE

• APRIL 22-23, 2020 - Great Falls, MT

PRECONFERNCE (sponsored by MSAWWA)

• APRIL 21, 2020 - Great Falls, 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
 - o 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
- Vendor Contacts: 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