



Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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\$25,000 in Support Offered to Water/WW Authorities for Innovative Water Programs

The **WaterNow Alliance**, a national forum for local water leaders including members of special districts and authorities, is accepting applications for its sustainable water Project Accelerator Program. The application deadline for this spring round is May 24.

The PA program provides assistance to **public water, wastewater, and stormwater agencies** for conservation, efficiency, water reuse, green stormwater infrastructure, equity and affordability programs.

The goal is to help PA program participants move past roadblocks on the path to implementation.

Twice a year, WaterNow Alliance staff select several projects to receive professional hands-on support, and technical and program assistance. WNA expertise ranges from deep water policy guidance to support and advice on communications strategies.

Selected Project Accelerators receive up to **250 hours of professional support** in 6 months (valued at \$25,000 each). Water policy and sustainability expertise offered can include water policy research, advocacy strategies, and linkage to a network of water sector experts. WNA also offers broad program management help which includes best practice research, program design, approaches to program evaluation, training and education, and communications/outreach strategies.

[Click here to apply.](#) To learn more about WaterNow Alliance, follow [this link](#).



Onward & Upward: AEA Fall Conference Planning Underway

Planning for the fall AEA conference, set for **Tuesday, Nov. 16** and **Wed., Nov. 17**, is under way.

While the hope is that the conference will be held in person in Atlantic City, no final decision will be made until late summer or early fall.

The spring 2021 conference theme, Onward and Upward, will be the theme again for the November conference in recognition of AEA's 50th anniversary.

Presentations are sought on the following topics: construction commodities price forecasting, affordability, privatization, environmental justice, PFAS/PFOA, NJDEP proposed hydrogen sulfide emissions regulations, and striving for net zero energy. A proposal form will be posted on the AEA website soon, but if you have a great idea for a presentation on one of these topics, don't hesitate! **Email Karen Burris with your proposal.** It should include a detailed description of the presentation, a title for the presentation, the presenter(s) and resumes or bios. A head shot of presenters is also appreciated.

It is helpful to include how the proposal would benefit those seeking water and wastewater TCHs, engineering credits or other continuing education credits for QPA, DPWs or other designations.

EPA Urges Making Water a Career of Choice

The EPA has prepared a Compendium of Water Workforce Case Studies from Across the Country. Jobs in the water sector provide stable employment, meaningful careers, technical training, and important technical skills (including using innovative technologies), and a chance to make a real difference in our communities across the nation.

Each case study is different, but they all share a dedication to the health and safety of our communities. The dedicated water workforce professionals at the utilities highlighted in this compendium demonstrate that a career in water means making a difference in people's lives every day.

EPA believes these case studies will provide valuable and useful information to help utilities across the water sector support and sustain their most precious resource—their workers.

[View the full document here.](#)

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