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Third Annual APWA Sustainability in Public Works Conference Provides Latest Innovations, Tools and Resources in Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions

KANSAS CITY, MO. – In these challenging times, sustainability in public works has become an important strategic imperative to help meet the demands for economic, social and environmental responsibilities. This month, public works professionals can have access to the latest innovative tools, resources and experts in sustainability at the American Public Works Association (APWA) Third Annual Sustainability in Public Works Conference in Portland, Oregon from June 27 – 29, 2011. Developed in collaboration with the APWA Center for Sustainability’s Leadership Team, this conference was designed to provide public works professionals with the knowledge and skills needed for applying sustainability principles in public works, which create and maintain vibrant and healthy communities.

At this year’s conference Opening Session on June 28, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) of Portland will address how making the federal government a better partner in infrastructure investments can create more livable communities, a more resilient economy, a more effective political process, and a more sustainable future.

Conference participants can attend many educational sessions, such as Public Works Partnering for Sustainability and Stormwater Management, Case Studies on Using the APWA Framework for Sustainable Communities, Measuring, Reporting and Rewarding Sustainability, Game Changing Transportation Planning, Reducing Net Energy Consumption at an Energy Intensive Public Works Facility, Localizing Livability: Developing Community Level Mechanisms to Promote Livability, Electric Vehicles: Charging Up Your Sustainable Transportation Network, an Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) Micro-Workshop, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Sustainable Highways Initiative.

“As the third Sustainability Conference of its kind, the education sessions, networking with peers, opportunities to discuss the challenges faced by other communities, as well as the accessing of tools, resources and experts, makes this the best APWA Sustainable Conference so far. The Center for Sustainability Leadership Team is very pleased to have helped design the conference, and the amount of innovative options and resources that reflect current standards and processes of sustainability in public works are all available,” APWA Center for Sustainability Director Julia Anastasio said.

For more information about APWA’s Center for Sustainability or the APWA Sustainability Conference, please email to Director of Sustainability Julia Anastasio at janastasio@apwa.net, or visit the website at <http://sites.apwa.net/sustainability/2011/Home/home.aspx>. For APWA Sustainability media queries or to find out about press registration for the conference, please contact Laura Bynum, APWA Media Relations/Communications Manager at lbynum@apwa.net.

About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C., and 63 chapters in North America.

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