

Greetings Training Roundtable Participants,

It's hard to believe that the Colorado Public Water System Training Roundtable was held nearly two years ago, in February 2010. The Training Roundtable brought together over 40 representatives of businesses, agencies, schools, and nonprofit organizations that provide training and assistance to Colorado's public water systems. In July 2010, the Safe Drinking Water Program's Capacity Building Unit (CBU) applied the results of the Training Roundtable to develop the Colorado 2015 Public Water System Training Strategy. The 2015 Training Strategy establishes the vision for Colorado public water system training services through 2015 and directs the CBU's annual work planning and priority setting related to public water system training. These reports are all available at:

www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/drinkingwater/CBUReportsPublications.html.

Today, the CBU is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association (RMSAWWA) to facilitate the development of an Administrative Framework for the CBU's 2015 Training Strategy. The Administrative Framework will define the processes, guidelines and expected outcomes for training activities supported by the CBU and is intended to assist in decision making regarding the allocation of funds and resources for public water system training services in the future.

The success of the Training Roundtable demonstrated the value and significance of our training partnerships. We would like to continue to leverage and build upon these partnerships by inviting attendees of the Training Roundtable and others to serve as members of an Administrative Framework Task Force (AFTF) to support and guide the project outcomes. On the afternoon of **January 23, 2011**, the CBU and RMSAWWA will host the "Training Roundtable II" in the Denver-metro area to provide information and solicit applications for the AFTF. An invitation to the Training Roundtable II will be emailed in the weeks ahead.

Thank you all for your commitment to ensuring we have a robust and well-trained work force in Colorado's drinking water industry. Safe drinking water couldn't happen without it. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and I look forward to working with you to create a successful Administrative Framework for the CBU's 2015 Training Strategy. For more information regarding this project, please contact me at (303) 692-3607/ margo.griffin@state.co.us or Melanie Fahrenbruch, Project Manager, at (303) 912-3358/mel@mjfconsult.com.

Regards,

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