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Scholarships for 2015 NFWL Annual Conference

The National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) is offering travel/lodging scholarships to their annual conference Sept. 11-15 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

All elected women (not limited to legislators) are eligible to receive a Travel/Lodging scholarship to the conference. This includes reimbursement of the conference registration fee, 3 nights of your stay, and roundtrip transportation (up to \$500). Don't miss out on this opportunity to join over 120 elected women from across the country to share ideas and gain perspectives on the most pressing issues of today. The NFWL has a limited number of scholarships available; so be sure to request yours today! The Scholarship application is completed within the conference registration form found [HERE](#).

NFWL is a non-partisan 501(c)3 educational foundation whose mission is to provide strategic resources to elected women leaders from across the country on the city, county and state levels of government.

EPA Brownfields Conference

EPA Brownfields Conference in Chicago, Sept. 2-4: This premier conference is only held once every two years, in different states around the country. Economic development directors, planners, administrators and more could benefit by attending!

Register soon for US EPA's 2015 National Brownfields Training Conference in Chicago, Sept. 2-4, (<http://www.brownfieldsconference.org/en/home>). Great information and practical advice about environmental contamination, cleanups, financing opportunities and redevelopment.

Webinar: Supreme Court Compliance for Local Governments

The Supreme Court issued a plethora of decisions big and small which require local governments to make changes to stay in compliance with the law. A sign code case requires virtually all local governments to rewrite their sign ordinances. The Court's same-sex marriage case also impacts local governments as does a hotel registry ordinance case, a cell phone tower case, a fair housing case, a number of jail cases, and many others. Discuss what you need to know about these cases and what you need to do to comply with them; State and Local Legal Center <http://www.statelocalc.org/>. (Please note: these webinars are on Eastern Standard Time.)

WI Registered Apprenticeship Program

Wisconsin's Registered Apprenticeship program offers an excellent opportunity to train highly skilled Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators for your municipality.

Through this model program operated by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Registered Apprenticeship combines on-the-job learning with periodic classroom learning.

Its design is highly recognized across in-demand industries for its effectiveness in developing skilled workers, maintaining productivity, and providing an internal career ladder to promote



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current workers. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator apprenticeship was designed by state leaders and a focus group of municipal and metropolitan plants.

A Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator apprentice will learn the occupation hands-on, directly from your current Operators. The core competencies, identified by operators across the state, can be taught flexibly to fit a plant's specific needs, including equipment, standards, and goals. The apprentice learns the theory behind their daily duties through traditional classroom learning. The program is 6,000 hours, or approximately three years. It includes 5,568 hours of on-the-job learning and 432 hours of paid related instruction, which is typically six semesters. The program prepares apprentices for four certification exams by the state Department of Natural Resources, which they must pass in order to graduate.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator apprenticeship will provide future Operators with the expertise of current Operators, making the program ideal for anticipated retirements or plant expansions.

For more information, visit www.WisconsinApprenticeship.org.

Local Foods, Local Places Grant Opportunity

The Obama Administration invites communities to participate in Local Foods, Local Places, a federal initiative providing direct technical support to build strong local food systems as part of a community's emerging economic action plans. Under this effort, a team of agricultural, transportation, public health, environmental, and regional economic experts will work directly with local communities to spur local economic growth and improve the quality of life for all residents.

This is the second year of the Local Foods, Local Places program. In 2014, 26 rural and urban communities participated in the program to create year-round, downtown markets featuring foods from local farmers; establish retail outlets to help revitalize small-town main streets; build centrally located community kitchens or food hubs to aggregate and market local foods; support business incubators to help entrepreneurs start food-related businesses on main streets; enhance public spaces for people to walk or bicycle to farmers markets and local restaurants; assist schoolchildren to grow their own food and make healthy local food accessible to families, including via SNAP benefits; and develop community gardens in walkable, transit-accessible places. A Summary of the 2014 projects can be found at https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/lflp_summary_report_508_final_062915.pdf

Technical support teams through Local Foods, Local Places helped Osceola, Arkansas (pop 7,700) develop a new health foods cooking curriculum for the local school district, create a plan for a new downtown farmers market and implement infrastructure improvement efforts; guided North Little Rock, Arkansas (population 62,000) to enhance the livability of an emerging neighborhood through a new food hub; and worked with Wheeling, West Virginia (pop 28,000) to revitalize underused property into a community orchard, multi-use food facility, and a mobile market.

Local Foods, Local Places is a partnership between USDA, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Transportation (DoT), the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), and the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). The effort is part of the White House Rural Council's "Rural Impact" effort to improve quality of life and upward mobility for kids and families in rural and tribal communities. Together, the agencies are investing \$800,000 to support this round of assistance. Application guidelines and deadlines are available [on line](#).

Free Biking and Walking Safety Class in Your Community

Wisconsin Bike Fed wants to support efforts to get more people active by offering FREE biking and walking education with [Share & Be Aware](#).

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Bike Fed partner to make this program happen. Share & Be Aware Ambassadors have taught over 100 classes and done outreach at more than 150 events. Have we been to your community? If not, please invite us!

FREE services:

- Classes on walking, bike commuting, basics of traffic law for people on bikes, seniors and walking safety, driver's ed class on walking/biking, on-bike skills, and walk/bike law training for Law Enforcement, etc
- Outreach on walking and biking to all road users. We encourage driver's to drive the speed limit, give bikes three feet, and yield to people in crosswalks in addition to educating people about walking and biking safety
- Testimony at public meetings about safety benefits of proposed street designs

Request an Ambassador [here](#).

TRAINING

2015 Board of Review.

All 2015 Board of Review (BOR) training by the UW-Extension Local Government Center will be by DVD. Video presentation includes BOR fundamentals and portrayal of a BOR hearing from start to finish. After each segment a panel of local government experts explains each step and provides comments and useful tips. Wisconsin law requires that at least one member of the Board of Review be certified as having attended a Dept. of Revenue-approved training within two years of the Board of Review's first two-hour meeting. Written materials include exam, affidavit, and filing instructions for certification. Cost: \$32 for the DVD. Visit <http://lgc.uwex.edu> and follow the link to order the DVD from the UW-Extension Learning Store.

Engaging Employees Effectively Webinar

Sept 16, 2015. Advance registration required for this no-charge webinar topics: causes of disengagement; how to boost engagement; what employees can do to improve results. Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3998816402061534722>.

Winter Road Maintenance: Equipment Calibration Hands-On Demonstration

You will benefit from this workshop if you are responsible for operation or supervision of winter maintenance. Anyone who wants to save money by properly calibrating salt/sand spreaders should attend, including managers, superintendents, foremen, equipment operators, and others. Enroll online at tic.engr.wisc.edu/workshops/listing.lasso.

September 28, 2015, Eau Claire

September 29, 2015, Green Bay

2015 Town and Village Workshops Including Budget and Finance

Sponsored by the UW-Extension Local Government Center and the Wisconsin Towns Association. Registration form available at <http://lgc.uwex.edu>.

Cable: Tuesday, September 15

Minocqua: Wednesday, September 16

Wabeno: Thursday, September 17

Stevens Point: Monday, September 21

Ripon: Tuesday, September 22

Green Bay: Wednesday, September 23

Eau Claire: Monday, September 28

Tomah: Tuesday, September 29

Mineral Point: Wednesday, September 30

2015 WEDA Fall Conference

September 23-25. Wisconsin Dells. Sessions at this year's conference will focus on: succession in business planning, state of economic development: legislative, creative placemaking, and much more. [Register here](#).

Management Assessment for Personal Planning and Development

September 23, 2015. Certified Public Manager® Program. Learn how your styles and needs compare with other managers' and with agency goals. Discover strategies to enhance your

strengths and address limitations. Questions: Sunshine Jansen, 608-262-4354. To register, call 608-262-0810 or 800-725-9692 or register online at <http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/management-assessment-personal-planning-development>.

Executive Writing: Effective Workplace Communication

September 24, 2015. Certified Public Manager® Program. Strengthen your writing of memos, letters, and reports about a broad range of issues. Learn to select your structure and supporting materials carefully, to choose appropriate language for written communication, and to analyze your intended audience. Questions: Sunshine Jansen, 608-262-4354. To register, call 608-262-0810 or 800-725-9692 or register online at <http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/executive-writing>.

Public Works/Parks/Building & Grounds Expo

Oct 1, 2015. Greenfield. This expo is hosted by the City of Greenfield Div. of Public Works. The Expo is geared toward every city, village, town, county, public works, School District, Parks & Recreation, emergency management and more. There will be attendees ranging from department heads to field crew members throughout Wisconsin and beyond. For more information on vending or attending, contact Dan Castle, Working Foreman, Greenfield DPW, danc@greenfieldwi.us.

Local Government Summit on Energy & Resilience

November 18, 2015. Stevens Point. The aim is to share best practices in-and identify needs for moving communities and Wisconsin forward in curbing carbon emissions and encouraging energy innovation. This event will bring these groups together to learn what resources currently exist, and how organizations could collaborate more effectively. Registration and more information is [here](#).

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