Environmental Business and Funding Sources combined conference a big success!

For the first time, ACEC combined the Environmental Business Conference and the Funding Sources Workshop, for a two-track format filled with on-trend topics and fantastic speakers. Evaluations of attendees showed that almost 96 percent of survey respondents really liked the new format, and being able to jump back and forth between the educational tracks for their topic of choice throughout the day.

Bruno Pigott, IDEM Chief of Staff, kicked off the morning with a full and robust overview of the agency’s progress and outlook on future activity. Tom Heikkinen, Director of Water Utilities in Madison, Wisconsin, drew the audience’s attention with his historical perspective on how that community funded the clean-up of its drinking water infrastructure program and avoided the difficulty now facing Flint, Michigan.

In between, attendees had tough choices to make among the highly rated speakers from USDA/RD, Indiana Finance Authority, the Office of Community Affairs (OCRA), Citizens Energy Group, as well as the latest “funding needs” survey conducted by IUPUI/EIWG, Fort Wayne’s Asset Management Case Study, Umbaugh’s finance update, ACEC Indiana’s “Bottled Water Fee” initiative, as well as a primer on “Promoting QBS To Your Clients.”

If you missed the joint conference, or just need the presentations, all of them are available to download at ACEC Indiana’s website, www.acecindiana.org. The conference planning committee comprised of members from the Environmental Business Committee and Funding Sources Committee are already making plans for 2017. If you have topic or speaker ideas, please e-mail to staff@acecindiana.org.

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Richard D. Olson, P.E., President, Earth Exploration has been a member of ACEC Indiana since 1992. Through that time we have seen many benefits of our membership including advancement of the profession, legislative and funding initiatives, QBS education for clients and networking opportunities. However our association with ACEC recently became even more beneficial in that with our last health insurance renewal, our company and employees saved over $25,000 per year by switching to the ACEC Life/Health Trust. No matter the size of your firm, an active and involved membership with ACEC will benefit you and expand your opportunities.