

GOLDEN MANHOLE AWARD

The Golden Manhole Award is an award to recognize individuals who are significant contributors to the advancement of the Design, Education, Training, Certification, Construction, Operations, Maintenance, and Management of Wastewater Collection Systems. This award will provide a permanent recognition of efforts that promote professionalism and pride among those involved in Collection Systems activities.

This Award has been approved by the Water Environment Federation Collection Systems Committee as a way to recognize those who have contributed to the development and professionalism of the Collection System Industry on a national level. It is the desire of the Federation that each Member Association adopt this award, which would be given on the Member Association level. The State criteria for the award will reflect the WEF approved criteria.

Persons to be considered for this recognition must:

1. Have a minimum of two (2) years full time collection system experience;
2. Have achieved excellence over the past year or years in the design, education, training, certification, construction, operation, maintenance and/or management of his/her system;
3. Not have previously received this award;
4. Be a member of the Association.

Consideration shall be given to:

1. Years of experience in Collection Systems, including job duties/responsibilities,
2. Promoting Collection System safety.
3. Outstanding efforts maintaining Collection Systems.
4. Innovative modifications to equipment.
5. Innovative solutions to problems.
6. Promoting Collection Systems training.
7. Significant Accomplishments in the areas of Collection Systems.
8. Involvement in Community activities or public relations.
9. Presentations and/or participation at conferences.
10. Involvement in promoting the professional recognition of the Collection Systems field.
11. Membership and participation in professional organizations.
12. Performance "above and beyond the call of duty".
13. Papers or articles accepted by state, regional or national publications.
14. Membership in WEF national collections system committee
15. Involvement with the WEASC Collection Systems Committee.

The award shall be presented annually to no more than four recipients. The award shall be presented annually at the WEASC luncheon at the South Carolina Environmental Conference (SCEC). Recipient selection will be made by no less than three past awardees. The Chair of the Collection System Committee may, at his or her discretion, appoint the Golden Manhole Award selection subcommittee.