



## The Indiana Water Environment Association The Central States Water Environment Association

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Greetings,

On behalf of the [Indiana Water Environment Association](#) (IWEA) and the [Central States Water Environment Association](#) (CSWEA) we would like to introduce you to a few student opportunities offered through the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Student Design Competition (MSDC). This year, the competition will be held on **Monday, April 8, 2024** in Madison, Wisconsin at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. This is a unique opportunity for students at the college level to demonstrate their ability to evaluate alternatives, develop a comprehensive design, and present a solution that meets the requirements of a socially relevant problem statement in the water and wastewater fields.

IWEA is partnering with CSWEA to offer two (2) categories available at the Midwest Student Design Competition for interested Indiana students. Two (2) [Water Environment Federation](#) (WEF) Categories are open to students from Indiana who would like to compete regionally with schools from Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, and Michigan.

**WEF Categories:** For the Midwest Student Design Competition, there are two (2) different Water Environment Federation (WEF) categories student teams can compete in; Wastewater Design Category and Water Environment Design Category (See attached guidelines for category requirements and typical projects). The WEF categories are intended to feed into the international student design competition at the annual WEFTEC conference, which is scheduled for October 6, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Travel and lodging stipends for the winning team(s) to attend the WEFTEC student design competition in New Orleans will vary depending on the student's respective WEF Member Association (MA).

CSWEA shall provide a stipend in the amount of \$500 per team for lodging and travel expenses to assist student teams from Indiana to present at the Midwest Student Design Competition in April. Additional funding is available from IWEA up to \$500 per team for any other expenses incurred beyond the CSWEA sponsored amount. Design projects from any semester/trimester coursework are eligible, so long as it is from the 2023-24 academic calendar year. University faculty are invited to attend the competition to support their student design team(s). Note that this year's MSDC will also offer its third annual career fair in conjunction with the competition. Please read over the attached guidelines and provide this information to any interested students who may benefit from such an experience.

Should you have any questions or if you need additional information on how to participate, we can be contacted via email at [llanger@chacompanies.com](mailto:llanger@chacompanies.com), [lapastora@nmwrd.org](mailto:lapastora@nmwrd.org) and [hengelpromc@bv.com](mailto:hengelpromc@bv.com).

Sincerely,

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