

Tri-Con Pre-Conference Workshop

Water Infrastructure Funding

TUESDAY 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Room 205 – 206:

Presented by U.S. EPA - **Karen Fligger**, US EPA, WIFIA Program; **Logan Loadholtz**, US EPA, CWSRF Program; **Nick Chamberlain**, US EPA, DWSRF Program; and **Kelly Sherwood**, US EPA, DWSRF Program

Course Description:

Water infrastructure funding is a top priority for communities. There are several sources of federal funding for water infrastructure, including the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs) and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. Combined, these programs provide billions of dollars each year to thousands of communities across the country for their drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs. These funding programs offer many benefits and flexibilities, including grant-like dollars, low interest loans, long loan repayment terms, customized repayment schedules, and opportunities for non-infrastructure technical assistance. These financing flexibilities help communities implement critical water infrastructure projects at a lower cost to ratepayers.

Learning Objectives:

This workshop will provide an overview of the SRF and WIFIA programs, including eligibilities, priorities, and benefits. Presenters will also discuss how these programs can be combined to maximize water infrastructure funding for communities.

About the Speaker(s):

Karen Fligger is the Deputy Director of EPA's WIFIA Management Division and has led various aspects of the program, including developing processes and procedures, outreach and communication, and project selection, since the program's inception. Over her EPA career, she built her water infrastructure expertise through her work with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Clean Watersheds Needs Survey, Urban Waters, and WaterSense programs. Prior to joining EPA, she served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nicaragua. Karen has a B.S. in Biology and Environmental Studies from George Washington University and a M.S. in Natural Resource Planning from University of Vermont.

Logan Loadholtz works as an Environmental Protection Specialist in EPA's Office of Wastewater Management in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) team where she supports programmatic oversight of the CWSRF, emerging contaminants, and marketing and outreach efforts for the program. Before joining the CWSRF team, she worked in the EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards developing air quality

regulations for the metal manufacturing sector. She has a Master of Environmental Management from Duke University and a Bachelor of Environmental Science from the University of Florida.

Nicholas (Nick) Chamberlain is the Senior Infrastructure Policy Advisor for EPA's Drinking Water Infrastructure Development Division in Washington, D.C. He assists in the planning, programming, policy development and implementation, management, direction, and control of infrastructure activities in the Division. Previously, he served as the Team Lead for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund at EPA HQ. Nick has worked at the EPA since 2008 and has a bachelor's degree in Government and Politics, Environmental Science & Policy from the University of Maryland. He has an MBA from the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business.

Kelly Sherwood works as the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Coordinator in EPA Region 3 in Philadelphia, PA. She coordinates the DWSRF grants and annual reviews, coaches and mentors staff, and provides program and policy guidance to regional leadership. Prior to the coordinator role, she worked as a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) project officer and as a grants management specialist in Region 3. She has a Master of Public Administration from Rutgers University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the College of Charleston.