National Capacity Development and Operator Certification Workshop
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Technical Assistance Expo Organizations

WaterOperator.org provides operators and water professionals with easy access to relevant, industry-specific information from over 800 organizations serving states, tribes, and territories, all in one place. Developed in 2010 to specifically support the unique challenges of small and rural communities, publicly available resources such as capacity development manuals, cybersecurity guidance and much more, are indexed and presented in a free, searchable library.

Water Professionals International (WPI) (formerly known as the Association of Boards of Certification) includes over 100 certifying authorities representing more than 40 states, 10 Canadian provinces and territories, and several international and tribal programs. WPI has assists in the certification of water and wastewater treatment professionals, including those who earn a WPI Certification or Professional Operator (PO) Certification.

Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) is a national network of regional nonprofit partners with a team of technical assistance providers across the country who work with water and wastewater systems in rural communities.

USDA Rural Development Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

EPA's Water Infrastructure and Cyber Resilience Division provides resources and training, including free cybersecurity assessments and technical assistance for water and wastewater systems. View their web pages at EPA Drinking Water and Wastewater Resilience and EPA Cybersecurity Best Practices for the Water Sector.

Global Environmental Consulting (GEC) supports state, regional, and federal agencies that are responsible for the management of safe drinking water information. GEC provides software development services and consulting to help states track data.

Environmental Finance Centers (EFCs)

- The EFC at California State University, Sacramento provides resources, training, and technical assistance to support and improve the capacity of Region 9 communities with financing and planning for environmental and public health programs in areas such as drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, groundwater, and energy.
- The EFC at Wichita State University leverages federal and state funds to provide communities with professional training, technical assistance and applied research to bolster efforts to manage the costs of environmental protection for the public.
- The Southwest EFC at the University of New Mexico assists state, local, tribal governments and the regulated private sector in meeting environmental infrastructure needs and achieving regulatory compliance through state and local capacity building and technical information transfer.