



NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION PARTNERING AGREEMENT

The **National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)** and the **Water Environment Federation (WEF)** seek through this agreement to establish a strong partnership between our organizations.

Our common purposes are to improve the quality of life through the protection and enhancement of the world's water environment, and toward that end to foster sound engineering practice. NSPE and WEF share common methodologies such as advancing professional education and development; disseminating technical information; promoting research; science and technology advancement; increasing public understanding; and advocating sound public policy.

We intend to do so by:

- Working to identify ways to better serve our members through collaborative education efforts.
- Fostering greater public awareness of surface and groundwater quality issues.
- Developing collaborative efforts on federal regulatory and legislative initiatives in the water environment and related areas.
- Fostering joint cooperation between public and private sector organizations in investing in the nation's publicly owned infrastructure.
- Working together to further identify common interests and issues relating to our collective involvement in public health protection and environmental quality.
- Working to advance the voluntary use of environmental management systems by public and private organizations.
- Cooperate in the promotion of engineering licensure under state law.

Further, it is understood that this partnering agreement is conceived as a living document, meant to change as circumstances and priorities warrant, that it is a beginning point and not a destination and that the accompanying protocol of specific projects and activities is intended as an integral part of this understanding.

Further still, it is agreed that each signatory will appoint volunteer members to a joint task force which will monitor and review the implementation of the agreement from time to time, hold formal partnering sessions and recommend amendments to the governing bodies of the respective associations as necessary and desirable.

It is also agreed that this partnering agreement will be instituted for a period of one year, and will be reviewed by both associations on its anniversary.

Executed this 27TH day of JULY, 2000.

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NSPE/WEF PROTOCOL

This protocol identifies specific projects, activities and joint interests which the respective signatories have identified as initial steps and activities consistent with the goals and objectives established in the partnering agreement. We agree to pursue them in furtherance of the letter and spirit of the agreement, and to do so in accordance with the resources and priorities of the signatories. For joint projects that involve financial resources the signatories agree to mutual sharing and disclosure of relevant budget and finances.

- Encourage Chapter/Member Association collaboration on joint meetings, projects and activities.
- Establish direct links on each respective Web page.
- Seek opportunities for collaboration and/or partnerships in the securing and implementation of grants consistent with the strategic goals and objectives of each organization.
- Ensure effective communications between each association and their respective memberships about the partnership and its goals and objectives.
- Agree to a pricing reciprocity policy which will extend member prices to our respective members for attendance at selected educational workshops and meetings presented by either national organization, to include annual meetings and teleconferences, and to include Chapter or Member Associations as agreed upon separately by the respective Chapter and/or Member Association.
- Exchange complimentary booth space at the respective national meetings.
- Develop a marketing protocol for cooperative marketing of educational events, publications, and other educational opportunities to the respective memberships.
- Examine our legislative and regulatory positions and policies and develop appropriate strategies to pursue common goals.