

Update on the Sedimentation Education Program

Presentations/Exhibits

Evangelyn Lowery-Jacobs has been invited by the Soil and Water Conservation District Representative to participate in the Area 7 Envirothon on March 19, 2015 at the Raven Rock State Park, Harnett County. Teams of middle and high school students, across the region, come together for an ecology field day/competition. Teams are tested on their knowledge of natural resources in the following subject areas: Wildlife, Soils, Forestry, Current Environmental Issues and Aquatics.

Workshops

Fall E&SC Design Workshops-Update

The Raleigh Design Workshop had a total attendance of 99 people (includes all guests, speakers, staff and exhibitors). There were 71 paying registrants for the training session.

The Hickory Design Workshop had a total attendance of 87 people (includes all guests, speakers, staff and exhibitors). There were 64 paying registrants for the training session.

Annual Workshop and Banquet for Local Programs

The 2015 Local Programs Annual Erosion and Sedimentation Control Workshop is scheduled for February 11-12 at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in Hickory, NC. Accommodations have been planned for two representatives from each of the 53 local programs to attend the training. The Sedimentation Control Commission will be represented at the event by Ms. Natalie Berry. The Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources will exhibit information at a booth for the training event.

Awards are presented each year to recognize one large and one small local government that have excelled in erosion and sedimentation control efforts. Nominations have been submitted by the regional offices for final selections to be determined by staff.

Spring E&SC Design Workshops

Coordination is underway for the spring 2015 Erosion and Sedimentation Control Planning and Design Workshops. With the support of Water Resources Research Institute (WRRRI), considerations are being made to conduct the workshops in strategic areas (Raleigh and Asheville) to encourage participation, in a cost effective manner. Final arrangements are in progress to acquire contracts with both proposed venues, and local vendors for the events.

The first workshop is proposed for March 10, 2015. The event will be held in Raleigh on the campus of NC State University (Jane S. McKimmon Center). The second workshop is proposed for April 7, 2015 at Holiday Inn East in Asheville. The Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources will exhibit information at a booth for both training events.

Contract Administration

The following contracts have been executed for FY14-15: “Support for Four Workshops to Train Design Professionals,” and “Support for Annual Workshop and Awards Luncheon for Local Programs.” The budget for current contracts totaled \$104,170. The first invoice for the Design Workshops has been received, and submitted to the Office of the Controller for payment.