

Update on the Sedimentation Education Program

Presentations/Exhibits

The Education Specialist participated in the Area VII Envirothon on March 19, 2015, which was held at Raven Rock State Park in Lillington, NC. The mission of the Envirothon is “to develop knowledgeable skilled and dedicated citizens who have an understanding of natural resources and are willing and prepared to work towards achieving and maintaining a balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment.” Teams of middle and high school students, across the region, came together for an ecology field day/competition. Five member teams are tested on their knowledge of natural resources in the following subject areas: Wildlife, Soils, Forestry, Current Environmental Issues and Aquatics. The top middle school and high school teams at the area Envirothon qualify for the statewide NC Envirothon. The overall winners received a team trophy and a \$300 check to help pay expenses to the state competition, which will be held April 24-25, 2015 at Cedarock Park outside of Burlington, NC.

Evangelyn Lowery-Jacobs has been invited to attend West Pender Middle School in Burgaw on May 15, 2015 to participate in a Career Fair. Students in grades 6-8 will be able to talk with various representatives to learn about their respective career fields and educational backgrounds. The students will have the opportunity to explore displays, and ask questions about the industries represented. Invited guests include companies that represent all of the career clusters identified by the United States Department of Education. The Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources will represent the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Cluster.

Workshops

Spring E&SC Design Workshops

The first Spring Erosion and Sedimentation Control Workshop for Design Professionals was held on March 10, 2015 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center on the campus of NC State University in Raleigh, NC. There were approximately 85 participants for this event, including 60 paying registrants.

The second Spring Erosion and Sedimentation Control Workshop for Design Professionals was held on April 7, 2015 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Asheville, NC. There were approximately 65 participants for this event, including 40 paying registrants.

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 second invoice for the Design Workshops and first invoice for the Local Programs Workshop have been received, and submitted to the Office of the Controller for payment.