

KDHE announces Capacity Development Award Winners

The KDHE Capacity Development Program has announced a new program that recognizes public water supply systems that demonstrate excellence in achieving and maintaining technical, financial and managerial capabilities. Eligibility for recognition is determined by the Capacity Development Survey responses, violation data and inspection reports. KDHE district staff and technical assistance providers nominate candidates from the list of eligible systems. Final selection is made by KDHE Topeka staff. For more information see the KDHE Capacity Development Webpage: www.kdheks.gov/pws/capdev.html

The 2007 winners are:

Population 500 or Less: City of Bentley; Lyon County RWD 3

Population 501 - 3,300: City of Chapman and City of Deerfield

Population 3,301 - 10,000: City of Concordia

Population 10,001 or More: Water One

Public Wholesale Water Supply District: Public Wholesale Water Supply District 4

To be eligible for an award, a water system must meet the following criteria:

- A score of 19 points (Low Priority Classification) or less on the most recent Capacity Development Survey
- No compliance violations within the past 3 years
- Certified operator in continuous responsible charge during the past 3 years
- At least 50% of the system's governing body must have successfully completed KDHE's KanCap Education Program (Systems serving More than 10,001 would be exempt from this requirement, requirement waived for first 3 years for all categories).
- Have conducted a Rate Review within the last three years
- Corrected any deficiencies identified during the most recent sanitary survey
- Addressed drought vulnerability (if applicable)
- Water Rights or water purchase contract in good standing

- Annual unaccounted water loss under 15%
- Must have the following management policies and plans:
 - Formally adopted and implemented Personnel Policy
 - Formally adopted and implemented Customer Service/Communication Policy
 - Cross-connection Control/Backflow Prevention Plan
 - KDHE approved Emergency Water Supply Plan
 - Formally approved and implemented Operations & Maintenance Plan
 - A minimum 5 year Capitol Improvement Plan with funding
 - KWO/DWR approved Water Conservation Plan
 - Additional consideration will be given to systems participating in source water protection planning and implementation.

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