



WTS 2011 Annual Awards Banquet

Join us at the Conference Center at the Great Wolf Lodge on March 10th for our Annual Awards Banquet honoring the 2010 Award and Scholarship Winners. The Silent Auction and Reception will begin at 6 p.m., with the Banquet following at 7 p.m. The Keynote Speaker for the evening is Charles W. Shewmake, Vice President and General Counsel, BNSF. Admission is \$50.00 for members and \$70.00 for non-members. Table sponsors are also available at \$1,000 each. Make your reservations today! See the attached flyer for more details. ***Please RSVP by Friday, March 4 to Lani Lin via email at lani_lin@urscorp.com or phone (214) 672-2946.***

NEWS

WTS 2011 Mentoring Program

There are only three total spots for the 2011 Mentoring program, so, ***hurry and contact Stephanie Taylor at stephanie.taylor@aecom.com by Tuesday March 8 to express interest.*** We have dynamic and successful professionals in planning, engineering, and contract administration lined up to be mentors. If you want to gain valuable knowledge in public speaking, business etiquette, entrepreneurship, and balancing a career with your personal life, you do not want to miss this opportunity. This is a great way to become involved with WTS on your terms and pick up some priceless skills. This program is open to members only.

GET ON BOARD!! – Membership Drive

The March 31st deadline of our membership drive is quickly approaching! Why join? – because we need you to be a part of the group. If you attend our monthly lunches, you know that we consistently have excellent speakers on topics that are relevant to our business. You also know that the movers and shakers in the transportation industry are the faces you see each and every month at those meetings. By joining, you gain access to all that and more and at a reduced cost each month.

All new and lapsed members who join from during the membership drive will be entered into a drawing to win a complimentary registration to the 2011 Annual Conference in San Francisco. In order to qualify, please enter 17K2 as the promotion code. Current members who renew during the membership campaign and use 17K2 as the promotion code will also be entered into the drawing. ***If you are interested in joining WTS today, please see the attached New Member Application or Reinstatement Renewal form or contact Belinda Pate at belinda.pate@aecom.com with questions. Get on board and get in now!***

WTS HOME Funds Available to Attend Annual Conference

Active members of the DFW WTS Chapter are invited to apply for grant funding to attend the WTS Building Bridges 2011 Annual Conference from **May 18-20** in San Francisco, California at the Hyatt Embarcadero hotel. Local WTS Chapter funds would reimburse individuals to cover the cost of conference registration and two nights of lodging in San Francisco, California. Limited funds are available to those meeting the eligibility requirements and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Applicants must have attended a minimum of **8** events between May, 2010 and March, 2011 to include WTS luncheons, professional development seminars, Board or sub-committee meetings, or special events. In addition, applicants must have contributed a minimum of **20** volunteer hours to the Chapter.

To apply for the funds, please fill out the attached spreadsheet indicating the events attended and hours volunteered. Please include a statement (minimum 50 words) telling us why you would like to attend the annual conference and why you need financial assistance from the DFW Chapter to do so.

Applicants can email the completed documentation to rjoseph-williams@halff.com no later than Friday, April 1, 2011. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility to apply for HOME Funds for the WTS Annual Conference please contact Robin Joseph-Williams at (214) 346-6200.

Visit [Annual Conference](#) to view Conference at a Glance, Registration Materials, information on the Professional Development Workshop and Technical Tours, and Hotel Reservation information! WTS is also soliciting participants to showcase innovative technical or strategic approaches to transportation with a poster session. For more information, view the [Brochure](#).

SAVE THE DATE

April Lunch and Presentation – Tuesday, April 19th

Be sure to mark your calendars for the April luncheon. This month's lunch will be at NCTCOG in Arlington on April 19th. Kevin Feldt with NCTCOG will be our guest speaker discussing the Cotton Belt Innovative Finance Initiative. More event details to come on our new website and via E-News.

Building Bridges 2011 Annual Conference – May 18th - 20th

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