



Dear Stormwater Program Manager:

We would like to invite you to an important meeting.

As managers of the programs necessary to meet the requirements of existing Phase I MS4 permits, you are intensely familiar with the challenges and opportunities with meeting these aggressive commitments. Based on the discussions that take place in many forums for sharing information, it seems clear that each jurisdiction is meeting these requirements with the assistance of contractors. Contractors are assisting local governments with the design and construction of stormwater management facilities, inspection and maintenance and engineering, IT and program management services.

Given that similar approaches are being used, there is benefit in sharing information with each other. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) hosted a workshop in 2015 to share information about procurement activities. Since that meeting, many jurisdictions have continued to make progress in issuing new contracts and continuing to implement permit requirements to the maximum extent practicable.

To provide an opportunity for us to share information on procurement activities underway in our jurisdictions, the **Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and COG** are sponsoring a workshop **Wednesday, June 14, to be held in the auditorium of the Montgomery County Council in Rockville, Md., from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** The audience for this workshop will include stormwater project managers and, importantly, also procurement specialists.

Proposed agenda topics for the workshop are:

**Traditional Contracting Methods for Design and Build**

What is current experience with the more traditional methods of procurement for design and construction projects? What's working and what could work better? (Several speakers and open discussion)

**Pay for Performance Contracts – What are We Learning**

A panel of speakers from Howard, Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties will share the results of recent contract awards based on pay-for-performance solicitations. (Panel presentation and Q &A)

**Approaches for Inspection and Maintenance**

What types of contracts do jurisdictions have in place for inspection and maintenance? For those doing this in house, how well is that working? (Several speakers and open discussion)

**Opportunities for Sharing Information among Jurisdictions; Enhancing Use of Contract Bridges**

Open discussion with program managers and their procurement specialists to identify further opportunities for sharing information about existing contracts and making better use of bridging mechanisms.

A draft agenda is attached. Additional background information will be provided in an effort to facilitate discussion. If you have anything you want to share about procurements you have in place or opportunities you have identified for streamlining, please contact Karl Berger ([kberger@mwkog.org](mailto:kberger@mwkog.org)) or Heidi Bonnaffon ([hbonnaffon@mwkog.org](mailto:hbonnaffon@mwkog.org)) of COG staff.

To register for the workshop, click on this link.

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Please share this invitation with your procurement specialists supporting your programs, to allow them to register and block it on their calendar.

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