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### **Teams from the University of South Florida and the University of British Columbia Win the 2014 WEF Student Design Competition**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Water Environment Federation (WEF) proudly announces students from the University of South Florida and the University of British Columbia as winners of the 2014 WEF Student Design Competition. The thirteenth annual competition took place earlier this month as part of WEFTEC® 2014, WEF's 87th annual technical exhibition and conference.

The University of South Florida team's project, "South/Central Hillsborough County Service Area Capital Improvements Project" won in the wastewater design category and the University of British Columbia team's project, "Scenario Evaluation for Maintaining Baseflows and Water Quality in Star Creek" won in the environmental design category. This was the fourth win for the University of South Florida (a Student Chapter of WEF and the Florida Water Environment Association) and the second win for the University of British Columbia (a Student Chapter of WEF and the British Columbia Water and Waste Association).

As a program of WEF's Students & Young Professionals Committee, the competition promotes real world design experience for students interested in pursuing an education and/or career in water/wastewater engineering and sciences. It tasks individuals or teams of students within a WEF student chapter to prepare a design to help solve a local water quality issue. Teams evaluate alternatives, perform calculations, and recommend the most practical solution based on experience, economics, and feasibility.

Members of the University of South Florida team included Lauren Davis, Michael Esteban, Jared Faniel, Andrew Filippi, Winsome Jackson, Herby Jean, Richard Johnson, and their faculty advisor Dr. Sarina Ergas. Members of the University of British Columbia team included Stephen Bertulli, Robert D'Amours, David Houghton, Davis Saabas, Michael Thiessen, and their faculty advisor, Noboru Yonemitsu. Both teams received certificates and a \$2,500 award.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the WEF Student Design Competition.

#### **About WEFTEC**

WEFTEC—the Water Environment Federation's Annual Technical Exhibition & Conference—is recognized as the world's largest annual water quality event and provides the latest technologies and services for water environment preservation, restoration, and sustainability. WEFTEC 2014 was held at the New Orleans Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, La. from Sept. 27-October 1. Visit [www.weftec.org](http://www.weftec.org) for details.

#### **About WEF**

Founded in 1928, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 36,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality

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