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Call for Abstracts – Due May 14, 2007

Hydrophilanthropy Special Session

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At this year's AWRA Conference we will convene a special session on hydrophilanthropy. To our knowledge, no AWRA conference has ever hosted such a session and we want to make this not only a memorable session but also a model for future AWRA conferences.

For the purposes of this session, we define hydrophilanthropy as those activities designed to: 1) improve access to potable water, health, and sanitation for people in developing countries or poor areas in developed countries; 2) empower poor communities to solve their own water, health, sanitation, and related economic problems; 3) assist developing countries in building water resources capacity by training students, professionals, and lay persons in water and related health and sanitation issues; 4) employ water as a mechanism to foster peace, conflict management, and cooperation; and 5) train students, professionals, and lay persons from developed countries to improve the lives of "those less fortunate" through water and water-related projects. Implicit in the concept of hydrophilanthropy is that the work is done for little or no personal financial gain.

We seek abstracts and posters on topics consistent with the aforementioned definition of hydrophilanthropy. We encourage individuals from a broad spectrum of organizations and individuals to present: PVOs (private voluntary organizations, both faith-based and secular); NGOs (non-governmental organizations); donors; private industry; academic institutions; US governmental organizations (USAID, et al.); and foreign organizations (UN, EU, OSCE, CIDA, SIDA, DFID, et al.).

Topics include, *but are not limited to*, the following:

- Project case studies, including lessons learned from unsuccessful efforts
- "Dos and Don'ts" of working in developing countries
- Recruitment and training of volunteers
- Fundraising and consciousness-raising
- Training of aid recipients
- Courses centered on hydrophilanthropic projects
- How to get involved

To submit an abstract, go to www.awra.org/meetings/New_Mexico2007/abstracts.html and follow the instructions. **On the submittal form, please enter "A" in the Special Session code section so the abstract will be routed to our session.** Note that there is a \$25 fee for abstract submittal and all presenters must pay the conference registration fee. Please let us know you are submitting an abstract, and contact Michael E. Campana should you have any questions.