

Over 400 of Nebraska's top water professionals will meet in Kearney on Nov. 2 and 3 to discuss the condition of the state's drinking water supplies and make plans to improve and preserve those resources.

The 2011 Fall Conference of the Nebraska Section–American Water Works Association (AWWA) will be held Nov. 2-3 at the Holiday Inn. AWWA is the premiere organization in the state dedicated to the delivery of safe drinking water.

Conference attendees will be invited to participate in more than 20 different presentations. More than 50 vendors will also be on display. Public water systems are invited to bring a sample of drinking water from their municipal supply to be judged.

The contest begins at 5 p.m. on Nov. 2, where a panel of judges will choose a winner who will be nominated to compete in the water-tasting competition at the National AWWA conference and exposition in June 2012 in Dallas.

The state's young water professionals and college students will also be represented at the statewide conference.

The fall conference is a joint event which also includes the Nebraska Water Environment Association and the Nebraska Chapter of the American Public Works Association. These organizations represent more than 1,000 members working across business, industry, and the public sector to help ensure the quality and safety of the state's natural resources.

The fall conference is open to the public.

To register please visit www.awwaneb.org.