



REQUEST FOR PAPERS

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**2019 5 CITIES PLUS - ST. LOUIS  
30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**INVITATION**

The Call for Papers for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual **5 CITIES Plus 2019 Conference, "Gateway to Success"** is now open to all interested parties. The annual Midwest conference provides an opportunity to collaborate among peers and share learning experiences from operating similar wastewater utilities.

The 2018 Five Cities Plus "Clean Water Utilities of the Future" in Louisville, Kentucky sparked valuable discussions around navigating the changing landscape of environmental regulation and funding. Major topics of discussion included Bridging Funding Gaps, Attracting Tomorrow's Workforce, and Utility Management Metrics. The 2019 Conference looks to focus on advances in smart technology and wastewater treatment to better serve the community and streamline management processes. The technical committee members are excited to welcome the attendees to expand the knowledge base of our industry and collaborate on solutions. We look forward to your attendance as a delegate in 2019, and look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!

Thank you.

Rich Unverferth and Bret Berthold  
*Planning Committee Chairmen*

Rebecca Losli  
Stephen Kadyk  
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Jenna Jarvis  
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Jeff Shiner  
*Planning Committee Members*

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## SUBJECT AND TOPICS

With the theme of **5 Cities Plus 2019** is *Gateway to Success* in mind, the technical committee has created the following list of preliminary topics. For a range of diverse solutions to each topic, 3-4 papers will be selected for the subject and organized into sessions.

- ◆ Data Management and Information Governance
- ◆ Social Media/Customer Interaction
- ◆ Fleet Management
- ◆ Green Infrastructure and Sustainability
- ◆ Smart Infrastructure/Technology Applications
- ◆ WWTF Waste Disposal/Solids Handling
- ◆ Streamlining Construction Management Processes/Costs
- ◆ Leadership Development and Training
- ◆ Risk Management
- ◆ Alternate Construction Delivery Methods

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## PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION

Applicants may submit a proposal in the form of an Abstract and include the following information in their submittal. Submissions should demonstrate a significant advancement in knowledge in sewer operations and management or a related topic that would be beneficial to the industry. Only an Oral Presentation (with PowerPoint) will be considered for this conference. Submissions should be made via the conference website or the submission form provided. Information to include:

- ◆ Author's name(s) and affiliation(s)
- ◆ Topic (from previous list)
- ◆ Title of presentation
- ◆ Summary paragraph with synopsis of subject matter
- ◆ Contact person's e-mail address, postal address, and telephone and fax numbers

Abstracts that have been authored by representatives of the participating agencies will be given first preference. Any proposal that has been co-authored should be presented by the agency and not the associated consultant. Authors will be notified of the outcome of the review in order to prepare the full presentation. At least one author of each selected presentation must register and attend the conference to present. Authors must pay their own expenses to the Conference. Any comments or questions can be directed to [jjarvis@stlmsd.com](mailto:jjarvis@stlmsd.com).

## STRUCTURE OF THE SESSIONS

The Conference will be organized in 20 minute thematic sessions with 10 minutes for questions at the end of each presentation. Invited speakers are responsible for the preparation of a summary submittal for each topic, partially based on the presentation submitted and accepted. The working language of the conference is English. Any special AV needs should be noted on the submittal and the committee will try to accommodate those needs. The deadlines for submittal are as follows:

**Abstract submission:**  
**Author's notification:**  
**Final presentation submission:**  
**2019 Conference:**

**Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**  
**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**September 3 – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM**

Author's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Author's Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Topic Reference (from listing) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Paragraph with Synopsis

Please return to Jenna Jarvis at [jjarvis@stlmsd.com](mailto:jjarvis@stlmsd.com)