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## **Excellence in Operational and Design in Water Infrastructure Honored**

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 5, 2017 - The Water Environment Federation (WEF) proudly announces the 2017 WEF Awards recipients for operational and design excellence.

These awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the water environment profession.

“The Water Environment Federation is extremely proud to honor these examples of top-of-industry excellence in operations and design,” said Eileen O’Neill, WEF Executive Director.

The 2017 recipients for Operational and Design Excellence Awards are:

### **Collection Systems Award: Keith McCormack**

The Collection System Award is presented to an individual for contributions to the advancement of the state of the art wastewater collection. Keith McCormack has over 30 years of experience in the planning, design, construction, and regulatory compliance of municipal wastewater collection systems and treatment facilities. Keith maintains a wide-reaching influence throughout the industry and has continuously held leadership roles, both in title and in responsibility, for the past two decades with WEF and the Michigan Water Environment Association.

### **Innovative Technology**

Recognizes WEF Associate Members who have introduced new innovative products or services related to the construction, operation or maintenance of treatment facilities.

### **Wipes Ready® Grinders - JWC Environmental**

The JWC Wipes Ready Grinder design effectively handles the non-woven sheets that are more commonly referred to as modern trash which has been the scourge of industry for the last five to ten years. This innovative product showed through trials that it can and will consistently remove this trash and eliminate the possibility of agglomerating again.

### **Aqua Assist - Drylet LLC**

The Aqua Assist product proved through trials that it could potentially change the way wastewater plants are designed. Using this product, the removal of organic compounds was increased significantly by providing a substrate for additional bacteria to populate. The possibilities for this product could prove extremely beneficial for thousands of water reclamation facilities around the world.

### **HydroFLOW I Range Products (Powered by Hydropath technology); HydroFLOW USA LLC**

The Hydroflow product powered by Hydropath showed to be extremely innovative with field data supporting the claims of removing struvite build up in pipelines. This product could have an extreme benefit for many plants around the US struggling with this issue in their digesters and connecting pipes.

### **Morgan Operational Solutions Award: Peter M. Brown; TransAqua**

This award honors Philip F. Morgan, who served with distinction as professor of sanitary engineering at the State University of Iowa from 1948-1961. This award recognizes valuable contributions to the in-facility study and