IAMU HOLDS SUCCESSFUL "IN-HOUSE" WINTER MEETING

IAMU staff welcomed representatives of 60 utilities and municipalities to its Training & Office Complex for the 2002 Winter Business Meeting January 23. The all-new venue replaced the traditional Winter Meeting held in February.

The one-day gathering afforded attendees a look at several current utility topics, and included the annual business meeting and reports.

A legislative and regulatory issues panel included: Julie Smith, IAMU Legal Counsel and Susan Judkins, Director of Governmental Affairs, Iowa League of Cities (Iowa legislation); Bill Radio, Director of Member and Public Relations, Missouri River Energy Services, (Federal legislation); Michael R. May, IAMU Regulatory Counsel (Regulation); and Bob Haug, IAMU Executive Director (TRANSLink).

Another panel gathered in the IAMU auditorium to present a discussion of security safety and emergency preparedness, and featured Chuck Seel, Iowa Utilities Board; Jim Hanks, Ahlers Law Firm; Bob Jester, Jester Insurance Services; and L.D. McMullen, Des Moines Water Works. The panel was moderated by Denis Zeimet, IAMU Director of Member Services.

IAMU has received many positive comments regarding the Winter Business Meeting. If you would like to offer feedback on the meeting, please contact us by phone, fax or e-mail.

IAMU SALUTES THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA IN THIS TIME OF CHALLENGE
ELLIOTT SMITH IS NEW IOWA UTILITIES BOARD APPOINTEE

Governor Tom Vilsack has announced the appointment of Elliott Smith of Des Moines to the Iowa Utilities Board.

“Elliott Smith’s experience in government relations, business, and the law will allow him to serve the Iowa Utilities Board with expertise and objectivity,” Vilsack said. “I am confident that he will work to ensure that Iowans have access to affordable electric, water, and telecommunication services.”

Smith is the president of the Iowa Taxpayers Association, where he focuses primarily on government relations and member services. He is past vice-president of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry.

Smith stated: “As a member of the Iowa Utilities Board, I pledge to responsibly consider the challenges that are before Iowa’s utility industries. How we as a state respond to the needs of our residents and work with community and business leaders today will profoundly affect our ability to grow and prosper tomorrow.”

WLP’s Schmidt gets APPA award

Chris Schmidt, Waverly Light & Power (WLP) Board Chair, has received the American Public Power Association’s (APPA) Honor Roll Award. The award recognizes Schmidt for his many years of service to public power and to WLP.

Alan H. Richardson, President & CEO of APPA, said, “Chris’ many years of uniring dedication exemplify the spirit of public power and of people working together for the improvement of the community.”

IAMU congratulates Chris Schmidt for receiving the award, and for his service to the municipal utility industry in Iowa.

IAMU receives the Environmental Excellence Award from Gov. Vilsack during a recent State Capitol ceremony. Pictured are (left to right): Lori Glanzman, Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities; Anne Kimber, Patti Cale and Bob Haug, IAMU; Governor Vilsack; Dean Davis, Cominng Municipal Utilities.

Waverly Light & Power (WLP) representatives are pleased as they receive a Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award. Receiving accolades are (left to right): Karen Dilger, WLP; Waverly mayor Ivan Ackerman; WLP’s Geralyn Legel and Gov. Vilsack.
IAMU Officers and Directors
(as approved at the 2002 Winter Business Meeting, to be effective March 1, 2002)

President
L. D. McMullen (Des Moines) To replace Jay Logel
1st Vice Pres.
Brad Honold (Coon Rapids) To replace L. D. McMullen
2nd Vice Pres.
Sheila Bishop (Waverly) To replace Brad Honold
Sec./Treasurer
Duane Armstead (Greenfield) To another one-year term
Past President
Jay Logel (Muscatine) Replaces Dean Davis
Director ‘03
Pat Stief (Vinton) Continues
Director ‘03
Jim Hoye (Rock Rapids) Continues
Director ‘04
Dennis Fannin (Osage) Continues
Director ‘04
Mark Ramthun (Indianola) Continues
Director ‘05
Allen Bonderman (Atlantic) To a full term
Director ‘05
David Martin (Cedar Falls) To a full term, replacing Sheila Bishop

IAMU TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was presented at the Winter Business Meeting by President Jay Logel of Muscatine Power & Water. He reported the following:

The Association’s fiscal year will close at the end of February. We currently anticipate a closing cash balance (revenues over expenses) of approximately $6,000.

Next year’s budget, as approved by the Board of Directors, reflects revenues and expenses of $2.3 million. Revenue generated by member dues in the upcoming budget is approximately 22% of total revenues. The graph to the right shows the source of revenue by utility type.

These dues cover costs of programs that serve all members, such as our legislative and regulatory programs. Next year’s dues will support the expenses incurred by the functions outlined in the chart below.

We continue to grow into our training complex, expanding our fee-for-service programs. Our ability to do this reflects, in part, our investments in the training field and shop. This will continue.

The Legal and Research Fund has been relied upon heavily this current fiscal year. Significant expenditures have been made to support an expert witness on predatory pricing in an IUB telecommunication proceeding, to cover initial costs of the Iowa Energy Project, and to fund our intervention in the TRANSLink case. The resources allocated to these projects have depleted the Legal and Research Fund. In order for the Association to effectively respond to future issues, the budget calls for continuing dues surcharges to replenish this fund.

The 2002-2003 Budget allows for approximately $124,000 in dues and assessments to be transferred to the Legal and Research Fund. The current targeted policy goal for this fund is $150,000.

We have achieved our policy goal of $200,000 for General Fund Reserves to cover the reasonable uncertainties of our day-to-day operation. In addition, we are building a General Fund reserve for replacement of capital assets, including equipment and vehicles. Next year’s General Fund Budget includes transfers to each of these funds.
NEED A WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN? IAMU CAN HELP

Is your water system interested in completing a Wellhead Protection Plan? If so, do you need assistance? If the answer to those questions is “yes,” you’re urged to contact IAMU.

Through a grant from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, IAMU staff members can provide free on-site assistance to water systems that want to complete a Wellhead Protection Plan. IAMU can assist you with the seven steps involved in completing a plan, or can assist in an Interim Plan to make agricultural land around the well eligible for the Conservation Reserve Program.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this service, or if you’d like more information, contact Karen Nachtman, IAMU Water Services Coordinator, at 800/810-4268.

WATER RATES RAISED TO COVER SECURITY COSTS

The IUB has approved an amended settlement agreement which will allow a private water supplier to raise permanent rates to cover the cost of security upgrades.

Iowa-American Water Company (IAWC) and the Office of Consumer Advocate petitioned the IUB for the amended settlement. IAWC will increase rates by an additional 3.4 percent in its Quad Cities District and 8.05 percent in its Clinton District to cover the cost of new security measures. The IUB reviewed information pertaining to the security measures and has stated that it is satisfied the expenses are prudent. Details of the new security arrangements will not be released to the public.

AED UPDATE: NEW UNIT, BETTER PRICE FOR IAMU PROGRAM

Recent IAMU Newsletter stories discussing IAMU’s AED (Automated External Defibrillator) program presented the Philips Heartstream FR2 as the unit that would be made available for purchase. Initially, IAMU had also explored utilizing the Medtronic Physio-Control Life Pak 500 AED.

Due to various circumstances, the Heartstream FR2 unit has been dropped from the plan, in favor of the Physio-Control Life Pak 500. In the process, IAMU has secured a lower price for our members wishing to buy AEDs through this program.

The Physio-Control Life Pak 500 is virtually identical in function to the Heartstream FR2. The Life Pak 500 unit has already been purchased (independently) by several IAMU members and has received very high marks. Medtronic has stated that the majority of AEDs employed in Iowa are Life Pak 500s. This compatibility is an important consideration.

In addition, Physio-Control has extended the special group rate beyond the deadline of February 15, which had been set by IAMU. Therefore, if your utility or municipality would still like to consider joining the IAMU group AED purchase, you may do so.

Recent additions to the list of utilities and municipalities expressing an interest in purchasing AEDs through IAMU are:

- City of Aurelia
- City of Hazleton
- City of Monroe
- City of Preston
- City of Prairie City
- City of Pocahontas
- Traer Municipal Utilities
- City of Urbana
- City of Vinton
- City of Winthrop

For more information, or to join the group purchase, contact Deny or Melody at IAMU, 800/810-4268.
GAS OQ/O&M MATERIALS AVAILABLE; DO YOU HAVE YOURS?

Every IAMU member gas utility should now have received the new revised Natural Gas Operator Qualification Program (OQ), either an electronic (e-mail) or paper copy.

The e-mailed version of the OQ was sent on January 23. If do not have the new OQ program, contact IAMU immediately to have it sent.

The long-awaited revisions to the Gas Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Plan is now complete. As you read this, either a CD version or a paper copy is being sent to your utility.

To avoid any delays, if you haven’t contacted IAMU on what format you wish to purchase, contact Dave Hraha at IAMU by e-mail at (dhraha@iamu.org), or call IAMU at 800/810-4268.

The price is $250 for the first copy (paper or CD). If needed, each additional copy is $50. Your utility will not be billed until IAMU mails the new O&M manual.

NEW IUB ELECTRIC, GAS BOOKS -- CALL IAMU NOW TO ORDER!

IAMU was recently informed that the Iowa Utilities Board will adopt specific reference books for electric and gas utilities effective March 13, 2002.

Electric utilities will need the following:
> 2002 National Electric Safety Code (NESC)
> 2002 National Electric Code (NEC)
> 9th Edition Lineman’s and Cableman’s Handbook

Gas utilities should be prepared to show IUB inspectors Reed Helm, Jeff O’Neal, John Bloom or Gary Burnett copies of the following when they visit for an annual audit:
> 1999 National Fuel Gas Code
> 2000 Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Homes

If you are in need of these books, please contact Melody at IAMU, 800/810-4268 or mtaninies@iamu.org, to place an order.

NEW "CLERKS COLLECTIVE" WORKSHOP TOUR IN MARCH

City Clerks can “spring ahead” and get a “jump” on some of the annual reporting requirements by attending the “Spring Ahead” Clerks Collective Workshops. They will be held March 12-13 and 26-27, and will roll into Ottumwa, Anita, Storm Lake and Cedar Falls.

Topics covered will include IUB/EIA Reporting and how this information funnels into the IAMU Rate Study; Energy Efficiency Reporting; Unbundling and Financial Viability for Water. There will also be a session where the most frequently asked questions on replacement tax get answered. Those planning to attend are invited to submit questions pertaining to the various topics in advance. They will then be addressed at the workshop. All contributors will be kept anonymous.

The specific agenda for the workshops may be found on the IAMU web site (www.iamu.org), or by requesting a registration brochure from IAMU at 800/810-4268.

Registration cost for the workshop will be $55 per person for IAMU members and $75 per person for non-members. The registration deadline is March 5.
CLERK’S CORNER

By Michael R. May, IAMU Regulatory Counsel

During the recent IAMU Clerks’ Collective Workshops, it was decided to create a monthly column in the IAMU Newsletter to authoritatively answer questions frequently posed to city utility clerks. This is the third column. Your questions and comments are both welcome and necessary for the usefulness of the “Clerks’ Corner.”

Q. John G. Customer is a gas customer whose service is due to be disconnected for nonpayment. All IUB required notices have been issued. John calls your office after hours and leaves the following message, “Hey, got your posted disconnect notice, but my Aunt Minnie is visiting from California and is in poor health due to pneumonia, sooooo..... disconnection would not be good for her health. See you when the weather turns warm again!” What should you be thinking about in response to John’s voice mail — other than “I just have to get another job?”

A. You should work through IUB rule 19.4(15)((h)(5) governing when disconnection can be postponed for a limited time “if the discontinuance of service would present an especial danger to the health of any permanent resident of the premises?” You must gather facts. You must document those facts. What facts show Aunt Minnie is a “permanent resident”? John’s recorded message would seem to indicate Aunt Minnie is not a permanent resident. Is Aunt Minnie’s pneumonia a “severe or hazardous health situation”? If there is doubt as to whether it is serious, the question to John becomes: Please provide us “written verification of the especial danger to health by a physician or a public health official, including the name of the person endangered *** the nature of the health danger and approximately how long the danger will continue.” The written verification provided for in the IUB rule is an efficient way to gather the facts. Other parts of the rule assist in sorting out situations of this character.

Bottom line: Get the rule in front of you (there is a link to it on your IAMU web site [www.iamu.org]) and document the facts, bearing in mind: (1) Even slight changes in fact situations require different conclusions and; (2) It is not what you know, but what you can prove that counts when John calls the IUB. The IUB rule in concept is a just rule originating years ago in specific instances of overbearing utility conduct. Fact-based use of the rule will serve both the utility and all consumers who act in good faith.

IAMU JOINS IN DEVELOPING ONLINE BILL PAYING SYSTEM

Accepting credit card payments for utility bills is closer to reality than you may think. IAMU and Professional Computer Systems (PCS) Co. of Denison, an IAMU associate member, are finalizing plans which would make this a more affordable option for members.

Under this system, customers would have access to web-based screens, which would be launched from a link on the city’s or utility’s web site. Once on the bill payment screen, customers would have the flexibility to make many different municipal payments online—from utility bills to park and recreation payments to parking tickets.

Traditionally, this type of technology has not been financially feasible for an individual utility. To erase this stumbling block, IAMU is helping to defray construction costs of the needed web screens. In addition, the costs charged by merchant banks for those accounts have been dramatically reduced—thus making this payment option more attractive. IAMU is also working to keep costs reasonable by hosting in-house training for the program.

To date, several IAMU member utilities have expressed an interest in participating in the project. If you would like to learn more about this exciting new opportunity, contact Kris Stubbs at IAMU, 800/810-4268.
ELECTRIC METERING SOFTWARE WORKSHOP IS NEW OFFERING

Computer technology meets electric metering in a new workshop presented by IAMU March 19-22.

The inaugural Electric Metering Software Workshop will feature a different product specialist representing a different brand of metering software each day. Attendees will be able to pick which days they want to attend, at a cost of $50 per day.

The workshop will be held at IAMU’s Training & Office Complex, with each session beginning at 9 a.m. and ending by 3 p.m. Breaks and lunch will be included in the registration fee. The schedule of presenters will be as follows:

March 19: Greg Gubbenmous, ABB Metering Software
March 20: Dick Giard, GE
March 21: Calvin Bargsley and Tom Tesmer, Siemens
March 22: Rex VanWert, Schlumberger

A workshop brochure and registration form will be mailed. Registration deadline is March 12. For more information, call Rich or Melody at IAMU, 800/ 810-4268.

IAMU salutes the latest recipients of the Century Utility Award, commemorating those member utilities which have provided service for more than 100 years. Pictured are (top row, left to right): Dave Martin, Cedar Falls Utilities; L.D. McMullen, Des Moines Water Works (presented by IAMU’s Kris Stubbs); Jeffery Sander, City of Onawa (presented by IAMU’s Karen Nachtman). Bottom row (left to right): Bill Moore, Montezuma Municipal Water Works; Bill Slater, Guthrie Center Municipal Utilities.

Let there be (energy efficient) light! A recent Energy Management 101 Workshop at IAMU featured George Bria (unofficially known as "Dr. Light"), principal of Optimum Lighting Solutions, Schaumburg, Ill. Joining Bria as workshop presenters (right photo) were Bill Sinacore (left) of The Core Group and Chad Palmer (right) of Budget Lighting, Inc. Energy Management 101 is a workshop series for commercial/industrial customers, sponsored by the Ames Municipal Electric System, Indianola Municipal Utilities, the City of Pella and the City of Webster City. Co-sponsors include the Iowa Energy Center, IAMU and the Iowa Association for Energy Efficiency.
IUB STUDY SHOWS EXPLOSIVE GROWTH IN INTERNET ACCESS

The number of Iowans having access to high-speed Internet service has increased nearly 50 percent since one year ago. According to the most recent survey of high-speed Internet availability, access jumped from 28 percent to 47 percent of rural Iowa communities and increased from 42 percent to 61 percent of urban areas. The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) conducted the study for the Iowa General Assembly’s Legislative Oversight Committee.

This assessment was the second time the IUB has surveyed the availability of high-speed Internet access in the state. Nearly 400 survey forms were distributed in September 2001. Telecommunications companies representing more than 99 percent of the access lines in Iowa took part in the follow-up survey.

This latest assessment report projects the greatest future growth will come in rural communities, where an estimated 55 percent are projected to have high-speed access by year’s end. More than 64 percent of the urban communities will have high-speed Internet access within 12 months. For purposes of this study, communities with populations under 2,500 were considered rural.

“While dial-up Internet service has been available statewide, it is very encouraging to see the progress being made in deployment of high-speed services in these challenging economic times,” said IUB Chair Diane Munns.

This assessment is based strictly upon determining the availability of high-speed Internet services. The Governor’s Alliance for Advanced Telecommunications Services recently released results of a study that examined Internet usage, demand, and associated costs. Information from both reports could ultimately help determine if legislation is necessary to ensure access to high-speed Internet service throughout Iowa.

The October 2000 initial report, “Assessing High-Speed Internet Access in the State of Iowa,” is available and the February 2002 follow-up report (same title, Second Assessment) and corresponding maps are available electronically on the IUB web site, www.state.ia.us/iub.

STATE WEB SITE IS SOURCE FOR TELECOMM INFORMATION

IAMU members should be aware of an online resource for telecommunication information through the Iowa Department of Economic Development. The Iowa Alliance for Advanced Telecommunications Services (IOWAATS) is a group formed in 2001 at the request of Governor Tom Vilsack and Lt. Governor Sally Pederson. It consists of representatives of education, government, consumer groups and the telecommunication industry. The purpose of the alliance is to “connect all Iowans to each other and to the world” through the development of a plan that utilizes advanced telecommunications services to support the economic competitiveness of the state.

Three working groups were established as part of the Alliance: Assessment and Development (including research of current conditions of Internet usage and existing infrastructure, financial incentives and development of education, information and communication); Iowa Communications Network (exploration of the public/private options of the ICN); and National Access and Peering Feasibility Review (exploration of the interest and feasibility to establish a National Access Point or equivalent resource in Iowa).

IAMU has supplied information to IOWAATS in a quest to help entities “bridge the digital divide.”

You can find information about IOWAATS via the Iowa Department of Economic Development Community Development web site. Go to www.community.state.ia.us, and then click on the IOWAATS logo icon.

Any municipal utility or municipality interested in learning about potential telecommunication opportunities in Iowa is urged to check the site.
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLANS 2002

For annual and bi-annual reporting to the Iowa Utilities Board, Western Area Power Administration, and Energy Information Administration

It's time once again to get ready to file energy efficiency plans and EIA-861 Schedule V forms. The last filing with the Iowa Utilities Board was July 2000 and the next one is due July 2002. In addition, the Energy Information Administration 861 Schedule V is due April 30, 2002.

IAMU has been working to make the reporting of energy efficiency data as simple, streamlined, and accurate as possible. Several changes are important to emphasize:

- It is more important than ever to gather accurate data about municipal utilities' spending on energy efficiency programs as well as their energy savings results. IAMU has developed a new worksheet that should make it easier for us to estimate your program impacts.

- The IUB and IAMU have worked together to create a new electronic format for those utilities that prepare and file their own plans. While the plans still need to be filed in hard copy with the IUB (one original and one copy), the electronic format should make it easier for some utilities to fill out and easier for the IUB to compile the data.

- The IUB energy efficiency plan can be used to satisfy Western Area Power Administration IRP requirements, and IAMU can also use it for your EIA-861 Schedule V – hopefully, killing THREE birds with one stone.

Municipal utilities have two options for filing their 2002 Energy Efficiency Plans:

Option #1 -- Prepare and File Your Own Plan
If you track your own program impacts and can report energy and demand savings, you may file individually with the Iowa Utilities Board using their 2002 Non-Rate Regulated Utility Energy Efficiency Plan format. This form will be mailed to you by the Iowa Utilities Board and will also be available electronically on their web site at www.state.ia.us/government/com/util/util.htm. If you choose to file individually, an original and one copy must be filed with the Board by July 1, 2002. An additional electronic copy may also be sent to IUB at Gordon.dunn@iub.state.ia.us. IAMU would also appreciate receiving a hard copy or electronic copy of your filing (e-mail to pcale@iamu.org) in order to complete our database.

Option #2 -- Have IAMU Prepare and File Your Plan
If you do not track your own program impacts and need assistance in calculating energy and demand savings, IAMU will prepare your plan and file it as part of a joint municipal utility filing. If you would like IAMU to prepare and file your plan, please fill out and return the worksheet you received in the mail.

EIA-861 Schedule V
By this time, most of you have received from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) your “Annual Electric Utility Report” forms (EIA-861). As in previous years, electric utilities are required to report the specifics of their demand-side management programs and results to DOE in Schedule V, “Demand Side Management.”

IAMU is again offering to complete the Schedule V section of EIA-861 for member electric utilities. If you would like IAMU to complete and file your Schedule V, fax your copy of the yellow form you received in the mail to IAMU at 515/289-2499. The information for your EIA-861 will be taken from your energy efficiency plan, so you will need to send us your completed Energy Efficiency Plan Worksheet as well.

Attending an upcoming Clerk’s Workshop? We’ll be covering these reporting requirements, so bring your questions (or better yet, send them to IAMU in advance)! The deadline for submitting the worksheet will be extended for attendees at late March workshops.
RECORD-SETTING YEAR FOR WIND ENERGY IN 2001

The U.S. wind energy industry left previous records in the dust with a blowout year in 2001, installing nearly 1,700 megawatts (MW) or $1.7 billion worth of new generating equipment in 16 states, according to the Washington, D.C.-based American Wind Energy Association (AWEA).

The final tally of 1,694 MW was more than double the previous record year of 1999, when 732 MW was installed, and boosted the industry’s total generating capacity by more than 60% over the amount in place a year earlier. Current installed capacity in the U.S is now 4,258 MW, and there are wind turbine installations in 26 states. “2001 was an astonishing year for our industry in the U.S.,” commented AWEA Executive Director Randall Swisher. “More new wind generation was installed in a single state—Texas (over 900 MW)—than had ever been installed in the entire country in a single year. We are finally beginning to tap into wind energy’s enormous potential.”

The new wind farms installed in 2001, AWEA said, will produce as much electricity annually as 475,000 average American households use, and will displace emissions of three million tons of carbon dioxide (the leading greenhouse gas) and more than 27,000 tons of noxious air pollutants each year.

While the wind industry rewrote the record books, prospects for a repeat in 2002 have been thrown into doubt by the expiration of a key incentive, the federal wind production tax credit (PTC), which expired December 31 and was not renewed by Congress, due to a partisan battle over economic stimulus legislation. Bills to renew the PTC had strong support in both the House of Representatives and Senate, AWEA said, but were left unpassed when negotiations between the two parties on the economic legislation (which included the PTC extension) broke down shortly before Christmas.

“These projects aren’t just important to helping maintain the growth of the wind power industry, which has been the fastest-growing energy industry in the world over the past decade. These projects are also important to the hundreds of people who will be involved in their construction and the dozens of operations personnel they will employ on a permanent basis. These projects are important to rural economies across the nation, where farmers and ranchers will share in the income they generate. Not least of all, they represent the cleanest form of cost-effective electric generation available to the nation.”

The wind farms completed in 2001, AWEA said, will generate approximately $5 million in payments to landowners annually and create some 200 skilled, long-term jobs in areas where such employment is scarce. The trade group urged swift approval of the PTC extension, which Swisher called “vital to continuing the industry’s momentum.

“Wind is well on its way to providing six percent of our nation’s electricity—as much as 25 million households use annually—by the year 2020,” Swisher added. “That’s a readily achievable goal, and we could easily exceed it. But for that to happen, we need strong and consistent policy support from our federal and state governments. The PTC works, and it works well, as the past year has shown. It should be extended as soon as possible.”

AWEA, formed in 1974, is the national trade association of the U.S. wind energy industry. The association’s membership includes turbine manufacturers, wind project developers, utilities, academicians, and interested individuals. More information on wind energy is available at the AWEA web site: www.awea.org. Project information is available at www.awea.org/projects.
City and county building officials can learn more about building energy codes through a hands-on training opportunity offered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Through this free, voluntary program, building officials from across the state will select 65 new, single-family homes being constructed in Iowa and learn how to evaluate their compliance with the state's energy code. Building officials will participate in the review of plans and observe field inspections related to energy code compliance as part of their training program.

Specific information, as well as the names of participating building officials and homebuilders, will be kept confidential. However, general information about local homes will be available for participating jurisdictions. 

To participate in this valuable learning opportunity on Iowa's building energy codes, please contact Craig Stark at the DNR by April 2, 2002 at 515/281-4739 or e-mail him at craig.stark@dnr.state.ia.us.
— HELP WANTED —

SUPERINTENDENT OF UTILITIES: The City of Paullina (pop. 1,124) is accepting applications for this position. The successful applicant will report to a five-member council and be responsible for the supervision of four utility employees, plus part-time help. The applicant should be knowledgeable in electricity, including standby generation or water and sewer. Duties include streets, parks, vehicles, equipment and the filing of state and federal reports. The individual will work closely with the City Clerk to prepare the annual budget. Computer literacy and basic bookkeeping knowledge is a plus. Application deadline: March 8, 2002. EOE. Resumes should include salary history and references. Send to: City of Paullina PO Box 239 Paullina, IA 51046-0239 Ph: 712/448-3428 Fax: 712/448-3499 e-mail: Paullina@tcaexpress.net 2/02

WATER SUPERINTENDENT: Albia Municipal Waterworks is seeking a person to supervise, direct and coordinate activities concerned with a distribution system maintenance, leak detection and overall management. Must have or obtain Iowa CDL and must have a Grade II certificate in water distribution. Competitive salary and benefit package. Applications accepted until March 20, 2002 (or until job is filled). Send resumes to: Albia Municipal Waterworks Patty Stuchel 120 South A St. Albia, IA 52531 2/02

ELECTRIC LINE PERSON: Gowrie Municipal Utilities is accepting applications for an experienced line person and/ or graduate of an accredited power line program. Duties include construction, operation, maintenance and repair of overhead and underground electric system. Operation of generators a plus. CDL required, or able to obtain within six months. Salary DOQ. Excellent benefits package. Pre-employment drug screening and physical. Applications accepted until March 30, 2002. Send resume to: GMU PO Box 47 Gowrie, IA 50543 Or e-mail resume to: gmu@wccta.net 2/02

— FOR SALE —

STREET SWEEPER: 1992 FMC Vanguard 3000SP; 6,900 miles; John Deere diesel motor with 1,800 hours; A.C.; automatic transmission; excellent condition. Maintenance records with a photo of sweeper available upon request. The City of Hampton reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Submit sealed bids, by 3 p.m., March 25, 2002, to: Montey Halls City of Hampton 122 First Ave. NW PO Box 236 Hampton, IA 50441 Ph: 641/456-4853 2/02

ELECTRIC METER ADAPTERS: Free A-based electric meter adapters. These surplus items are available for the cost to ship them. Contact: Roger Burkaeck Denison Municipal Utilities 712/263-3046 2/02

JOURNEYMAN LINEMAN: Traer Municipal Utilities is adding a Journeyman Lineman to our great crew. We need someone with high voltage experience who is willing to take on responsibility. In return we offer top wages and very good benefits, including three-day weekends every third week. Send resume to: Joel Yanda Line Foreman Traer Municipal Utilities 649 Second St. Traer, IA 50675 1/02

ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT: Join the municipal team in Panora as electric utility superintendent. This position is responsible for all daily management, administration and operation functions of the electric utility. Panora has 4.5 MW of peaking generation. Minimum qualifications: Must be recognized as a journeyman lineman with five years experience or graduate of an acceptable power lineman educational program with five years experience or the equivalent experience. Must possess or be able to possess a valid Iowa CDL within 30 days of hire. Salary DOE. Excellent benefits. Send resumes to: City Administrator City of Panora PO Box 98 Panora, IA 50216 1/02

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NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES: (100) Meter Sets w/o gas shutoff valve, $40 ea.; (100) AL 250 Meters, $50 ea.; (1) 3-inch Dresser Meter Set, $1,000; (1) AL800 20/FTC Meter, $800; 1,000-ft. 4-inch IPS 3408 PE Pipe, $130 per 100 ft; 5,000-ft. 2-inch PC 3008 IPS, $38 per 100 ft; 4,000-ft. 1-inch CTS PE 3408, $12 per 100 ft; 4,000-ft. 1/2-inch PE 3408, $5 per 100 ft; 84-ft. 4-inch Coated Steel Pipe, 21-ft. lengths, $5 per ft.; (6) 627R 191 REGS Fisher 1-inch, $80 ea. Many more items too numerous to mention. Contact: Ron Foreback City of DeWitt P.O. Box 407 DeWitt, IA 52742 or Call 563/659-3811 1/02

COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: 18 Mobile radios - 16 antennas, 1 - 12 volt power supply 037.10 low band frequency. FCC license required. Government agencies only. Contact: Tom Schroeder City of Wall Lake 712/664-2216 2/02

ELECTRIC MOTORS: Three (3) three-phase 20hp electric motors from Smith/ Lovelace lift station. The City of Seymour reserves the right to accept or reject and or all bids. For more information call 641/898-2966. Send sealed bids, by March 5, 2002, to: City Hall 109 North 5th St. Seymour, IA 52590 2/02

DIESEL GENERATOR/GENERATOR PARTS: 1939 Fairbanks Morse Model 32E12 three-cylinder diesel generator, complete and in good condition. Parting out 1958 Fairbanks Morse Model 38DD 8 1/8 six-cylinder OP diesel generator. Also miscellaneous light plant equipment including pumps, motors, Radiators, switchgear, fans, chain hoists and Fairbanks Morse parts. Contact: Phil Packwood City of Tipton Ph: 515/547-2711 2/02

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT: Capacitor Banks: Two each, 300 kVar, 2400 volt, non-PCB, with oil switches and control, rack mounted. One for $500, one for $450 (missing oil switch). Transformer Poly Pads: 42 inches wide x 43 inches deep x 4 inches thick, with 27-inch wide x 13-inch deep cable opening. Eight available for $25 each. Contact: John C. Packwood City of Tipton 563/886-6187 2/02

WATER EQUIPMENT: Three stainless steel shallow well pumps. 2 (two) 1-1/2 horse motors; 1 (one) 3-1/2 horse motor. 2 (two) 2-inch well meters (Rockwells); 1 (one) 2-inch well meter (Sensus). Also a few used Badger service meters. Make offer. Contact: City of Menlo PO Box 190 Menlo, IA 50164 or call 641/524-2411 1/02

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March 6: Maquoketa (City Hall)
March 7: Muscatine (Utility Office)
March 12: Cascade (Utility Warehouse)
March 13: Strawberry Point (City Hall)
March 14: Dysart (Community Bldg.)


March 12-13 & 26-27: IAMU Clerks Collective
“Spring Ahead” Workshops
March 12: Ottumwa (Parkview Plaza Hotel)
March 13: Anita (Community Center)
March 26: Storm Lake (Arrowhead Education Bldg.)
March 27: Cedar Falls (Holiday Inn University Plaza)
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