



# IACC Quarterly

Spring 2008

## Upcoming Events

**Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference** to be held June 17 – 20, in Yakima.

**TIB Funding Program Workshops**  
These workshops will be conducted statewide in June for November 2008 project selection. Call (360) 586-1140 or <http://www.tib.wa.gov/Services/Training/Training.htm>

**Department of Ecology**  
Centennial Clean Water Program, Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program, and Washington State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Program. Application cycle opens September 1st and closes Oct. 31. More info - <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/funding/indexfunding.html>

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IACC Quarterly is produced by the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC), which promotes partnerships among federal, state, and local program; works to enhance efficiency and coordination in the delivery of financial and technical assistance; acts as a forum to discuss issues that get in the way of helping local governments meet their infrastructure needs; and sponsors training workshops and conferences in these arenas throughout the year.

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## Tenino Celebrates Earth Day With Funding For New Sewer System

USDA Rural Development observes Earth Day annually throughout the week of April 22 to inspire awareness and appreciation for the environment.

As part of this 38th anniversary of Earth Day, USDA Rural Development awarded the City of Tenino a \$2.5 million USDA Rural Development loan and a \$1.4 million grant towards the construction of the city's first wastewater treatment plant and collection facilities.

Russell T. Davis, Administrator for Housing and Community Facilities Programs, and Jon DeVaney, Washington State Director, presented the ceremonial check to Tenino Mayor Ken Jones.

"People come to live in rural communities because they want to live in a clean, healthy environment," Davis said



*Russ Davis and Jon DeVaney from USDA Rural Development present a big check of \$3.9 million to City of Tenino Mayor Ken Jones.*

during his remarks. "With this project, you are taking care of the basics, and making sure that the environment is as clean and healthy as people expect it to be."

Kathy Clayton who is the city's Project Manager on the project states "Attending the IACC provided Tenino with the platform to present our \$16.8M Wastewater Treatment Plant

& Collection System Project to all of the possible funding agencies (tech team) available in one location." "...I cannot begin to tell you how valuable it has been for us to attend the IACC each year. The funding agencies do an outstanding job to assure that attendees are informed of funding opportunities and go the extra mile to assist with the application process."

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## Save the Date – 2008 IACC Fall Conference

The 2008 IACC Conference is scheduled for November 5 – 7 at the Wenatchee Conference Center. This will be IACC's 16th conference!

Each year has been well attended by state and federal financial assistance programs, local government representatives, consultants and trainers. We'd love to have you join us to learn about the people and programs

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## More Upcoming Events

### 2008 Washington Finance Officers Association

Annual Conference, Sept. 16-19, 2008, Yakima.  
<http://www.wfoa.org/>

### 2008 Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts

Fall Conference and Trade Show, Sept. 17-19, 2008, Spokane.  
[https://www.waswd.org/c\\_conference.asp](https://www.waswd.org/c_conference.asp)

### Washington Chapter APWA

Fall Conference, Oct. 14-17, 2008 Walla Walla. Call (509) 527-4463 or [DHamilton@ci.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:DHamilton@ci.walla-walla.wa.us)

### Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities

2008 State Revolving Fund Workshop  
 Oct. 19-21, Rhode Island. Call (401) 598-8000 or <http://www.cifanet.org/conferences.html>

### Washington State Association of Counties

Fall Conference, Nov. 17-20, Pasco. Call (360) 753-1886 or [www.wacounties.org/wsac/](http://www.wacounties.org/wsac/)

### Washington Public Utility Districts Association

Annual Meeting, Dec. 3-5, 2008, at Sea-Tac, WA. For info go to the web at - <http://www.wpuda.org/calendar.htm>

## CTED's Infrastructure Back Office Process Improvements

Annually, the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) manages more than 2000 contracts in its five infrastructure programs. Approximately one-third of these contracts are in active construction status, and two-thirds are in repayment status. Each of the infrastructure programs has an independent process, with data and documents passing back and forth between each program and the financial services division. From the customers' perspective, each interaction with a CTED program is a unique experience with unique requirements.

In January 2008, CTED brought together representatives from each of the five infrastructure programs, the financial services division, executive leadership, and other state agencies with infrastructure programs. The group worked together for a week at a kaizen event to design the desired future state of the back office process. The team consolidated

the work into one centralized processing unit in order to improve efficiency, cut contract handling costs and employee time, and improve turnaround time on contracts to our customers.

The new centralized contract processing unit will manage all 2000 contracts. They will perform the accounts payable, accounts receivable, and contract monitoring functions in a single streamlined, standardized process flow with substantially fewer steps, decisions, and handoffs. Staff will become experts in the applicable functions. The new unit and process began implementation May 1, 2008.

Note: Kaizen is an activity whose purpose goes beyond simple productivity improvement. It is a process that, when done correctly, humanizes the workplace and teaches people how to spot and eliminate waste in business processes.

## Save the Date - IACC Conference

**(From page 1)** - around the state (and a few from out-of-state) that can help you.

Questions regarding the conference can be directed to Janea Eddy at (360) 725-3006 or email [janeae@cted.wa.gov](mailto:janeae@cted.wa.gov).

For information on the 200+ funding and technical assistance programs, visit the IACC website at [www.intrafunding.wa.gov](http://www.intrafunding.wa.gov).

Do you want to participate? Please contact the following:

Presenting a program or training session - Contact Chris Gagnon at (360) 586-4122 or [christina.gagnon@pwb.wa.gov](mailto:christina.gagnon@pwb.wa.gov)

Reserving a vendor table? Contact Bill Cole at (360) 725-3006 or [BillC@cted.wa.gov](mailto:BillC@cted.wa.gov)

Requesting a tech team? Information on Tech Teams will be available on the registration form.

Sponsoring the conference. Contact Janea Eddy at (360) 725-3006 or [janeae@cted.wa.gov](mailto:janeae@cted.wa.gov)

Tenino		Trust Fund Loan – Collection System	\$ 519,000	Local Funds
<b>(From page 1)</b> - The total project cost is \$16.8 million. The City has been awarded the following funding:		\$ 4,400,000	Governor's Supplemental Budget – Administered through Dept. Department of Ecology's Centennial Clean Water Fund	The City also received a \$1,000,000 Community Development Block Grant – Community Investment Fund Grant to assist Low- Moderate Income with the mandatory facility charge.
\$ 994,500	Public Works	\$ 3,938,000	USDA Rural Development Grant/Loan for Collection System	
\$ 7,000,000	Public Works			