

## **New Year's Resolution**

If you haven't already joined us, why not make becoming a member of the [Iowa Public Works Service Bureau](#) your New Year's Resolution? Already a member? Then remember to us our various features, participate in the forums, utilize the job board, send us your bid tabs (see below), follow us on social media, and help spread the word!



## **Bid Tab Database**

Our website provides members with a database that includes bid quantities and unit costs using the [SUDAS bid items](#). This interactive report, based on awarded contracts from throughout the state, allows city staff to see what other cities are paying for the same item, potentially saving cities time and money in the bidding process. The bid tab database has been one of our most popular additions to the site, but in order to make it truly valuable, we need to continually add content. If you would like to share your awarded contract information, [email us](#).

## **Welcome Brittany**

Please help us welcome Brittany Eide to our staff! Brittany has been hired as the PWSB Web Developer. She comes to us with 5+ years of experience working in communications, design, and marketing. Brittany has a graduate certificate in human-computer interaction and looks forward to utilizing her skills in user experience and technology development while working on the PWSB website. One of her first tasks will be updating the bid tab database. David and Beth are very excited to have Brittany on board!



## **Historic Bridge Update**

The Iowa DOT and Iowa Highway Research Board have requested a comprehensive update to the state's historic bridge surveys. This request includes developing a new survey for Iowa's bridges constructed between 1971 and 1985. The team is seeking the input of Iowa's engineers. Click [here](#) to complete the survey by January 26. Thank you for your assistance.

## **Culvert Sedimentation in Iowa**

An IIHR-Hydroscience & Engineering research team is working on a research project on the design of self-cleaning solutions for mitigating sedimentation at single and twin box culverts. The team is seeking the input of Iowa's engineers. Click [here](#) to complete the survey by March 1. *(Note - this survey is applicable to cities and your single and twin box culverts even if it's targeted towards county/state engineers).*

## Training and Educational Opportunities

We post upcoming trainings in the state to help connect city staff with the training opportunities in Iowa and online. The [page](#) is updated frequently, so please remember to check it. Here are some highlights of upcoming events:

- a. Iowa DOT Federal Aid Overview Seminars- Day 1 covers project development through letting and Day 2 covers construction inspection and administration. Dates/locations are listed below. Click [here](#) for more information.
  - 1/24-1/25 in Boone
  - 1/31-2/1 in Hiawatha
  - 2/21-2/22 in Denison
  
- b. Appia Training - This training is designed for local agency and consultant staff who are involved in the construction inspection and administration process. This class is meant for new users and those who need more than a refresher; “refresher” training will be scheduled at a later date. Dates/locations are listed below. Click [here](#) for more info.
  - 2/16 at the Carroll Public Library
  - 2/26 at the Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center (White Oak Room) in Marion
  
- c. Work Zone Safety Workshops - This workshop will cover the 2009 MUTCD, particularly Part 6. The workshops consist of a general session for all participants, plus breakout sessions tailored to specific categories of work zone activities: city, county, Iowa DOT construction and contractors, Iowa DOT maintenance, and utility. Dates/locations are listed below. Click [here](#) for more information.
  - 2/27 - Cedar Rapids Raddison
  - 2/28 - Bien Venu Event Center in Cedar Falls
  - 2/29 - Bridgeview Event Center in Ottumwa
  - 3/5 - Buena Vista University, Siebens Forum in Storm Lake
  - 3/21 - DMACC FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny
  - 3/26 - Holiday Inn Express in Council Bluffs
  - 3/28 - DMACC FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny

## Questions or Suggestions

If you have any questions about the PWSB or suggestions on ways we can improve our website, please contact us ([pwsb@iastate.edu](mailto:pwsb@iastate.edu)). We are here to help you! #CommunicateToInnovate

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