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To whom it may concern:

The Water Environment Federation's (WEF) Students and Young Professionals Committee (SYPC) has started planning for its third annual community service project in next year's WEFTEC host-city, New Orleans. At the previous two conferences, the SYPC constructed a rain garden in a city park in Chicago and planted over 3000 plants to revitalize a wetland in Orlando. We are currently searching for a project in New Orleans that meets our criteria. The date of the event will be October 2, 2010.

The SYPC is looking for a water-related project in the City of New Orleans. Historically, we have hosted around 60 volunteers, but we are anticipating over 100 for this event. We would like to have two components to the project: hands-on construction and community education. The education part of the project is not yet defined, but could include bringing high school students to participate in the project or hosting a water festival to showcase the importance of water and wastewater treatment. As in previous years, the New Orleans service project will also include a ceremony to introduce both WEF and local dignitaries with ties to and interests in such community service projects.

If you have a project that fits these criteria, we would like to consider it. If you could provide details on project location, its distance from the convention center, what role the SYPC would play in both the planning as well as activities on the day of the event, what the capability is for an education component, and what your organization can provide, it would help us greatly in the decision-making process. As far as what your organization can provide, this could include tools, tables, on-site coordination, etc. The SYPC will provide the volunteers and \$5,000 to \$7,000 for transportation, lunch for the volunteers, t-shirts, educational materials and project supplies.

If you could send me your project proposals by Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>, that will give our committee a chance to review them, work out details, and select a project by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,

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