Governor's Water Conference Registration Now Open

Registration for the Governor's Water Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is now open! It will be Monday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at the Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center in Manhattan, Kansas.

The conference topics include:

- Vision Implementation Funding and Education Outreach
- The Value of Natural Resources and Water
- Federal Policy and Infrastructure
- Federal and State Resource Cooperation for Water Planning
- Ogallala Economics
- Keeping the Kansas Water Vision Momentum

To view the brochure for a current list of speakers and panelists visit: www.kwo.org.

Day one speakers include David B. LaFrance, American Water Works Association; Michael J. Teague, Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment, an Economic Panel on the Ogallala and North TX Municipal Water District Program and Public Education Manager, Denise Hickey.

Day two will build on the water policy and vision implementation discussions from the previous day with technical presentation posters and talks. Graduate and undergraduate students will present their research. Information regarding submitting abstracts proposals for these presentations can be found at www.kwo.org. Student proposals are due October 24 and professional presentation proposals are due October 3.

"We encourage anyone to attend who has an interest in our state's water resources. Legislators, water managers, state, federal, city and county administrators as well as scientists, organizations and producers are all welcome," said Tracy Streeter Kansas Water Office Director. "With the implementation of the *Long Term Vision for the Future of Water Supply in Kansas* and current resource conditions, there is no better time to focus attention to Kansas' water needs and the role water plays in growing our state's economy."

Registration is available online at <u>www.kwo.org</u>. *The deadline is November 1!* Conference details, brochure, speakers, sponsors and hotel information can be found online as well.

The Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is hosted by the Kansas Water Office, K-State /Kansas Water Resource Institute and Kansas Geological Survey/KU. Sponsors for the event come from multiple diverse water interests. Major sponsors for the event include Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock.

If accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please notify the KWO, (785) 296-3185, at least five working days prior to the meeting.