

MEMO

To: Dave Mandyke

From: John Ostrowski

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Re: Northwest Public Works Institute and related activities

I want to report on the status of the Northwest Public Works Institute as well as some other things I've been working on.

- **NWPW Institute:** The Institute began official operations with the offering of the Public Works Essentials class in Portland December 12-15, 2006. We had 45 people in that class with 12 from Washington. Proceeds from the Institute are split between the chapters based on attendance so Washington got \$580.17 and Oregon got \$1568.61.

The next Institute class is Developing Leader at Bend Oregon later this month with 4 people from Washington who took PW Essentials signed up.

The Leadership Skills class will be offered in November in Oregon and in Washington in the spring of 2008.

Public Works Essentials will again be offered in December 2007 in either Portland or Vancouver.

Because previous versions of these classes count toward Institute credit, we may have several people able to complete the required 90 hours of instruction and receive a certificate of completion from National APWA this November.

- **Jack Pittis Book:** I'm still planning to write a book about Jack called "Lessons from the Life of Jack Pittis, the Perfect Public Servant". I've been busier than I'd like with other things until now so I haven't even started interviewing people for material. I will however have a book in which Jack wrote a chapter to present to the first Pittis Scholarship winner this May. I'll also need to keep in touch with that person so that I can send them the book when it's finished. I may be able to get it done in time to be available at Congress in San Antonio but I can't guarantee anything right now.
- **Related Activities:** I've also been working on several other things related to the Institute.
 - I'm co-chairing a subcommittee of the Leadership and Management Committee to prepare a new version of the 1988 ICMA Public Works Administration textbook. We have about 40 authors working on this effort. I've written one of the chapters and Bill Sterling of Port Angeles and Craig Stampher have also written parts of the book.
 - I've also been working with the Northern California and Arizona Chapters on their Public Works Institutes. There's been a lot of sharing of material between all three Institutes.
 - I've been asked by National to prepare a standard outline for a Public Works Institute to help other chapters start theirs. In that same vein, I'll be doing a "Train the Trainer" session at Congress on Wednesday morning.
 - At Congress this fall I'll also be speaking at the Emerging Leader Program, will be moderating a session on accreditation and a "Building a Better Future" session based on the article I wrote for the "Reporter" last year.