

The Collection System Committee (CSC) of the GEWF has established an award – “Collection System of the Year”. It is the intent of CSC to award the utility, one in each of three classes (small – under 10,000 wastewater customers, medium – 10,000 to 50,000 wastewater customers and large – over 50,000 wastewater customers), that represents the best of our profession.

CSC’s process of determining the winners of this award involves a site visit, consisting of an audit and interview, conducted by several members of the CSC. The site visit examines and documents the utility’s structure, activities, and successes in approximately 14 areas the CSC feels are critical to the success of a collection system. While the award is typically be given to the highest scoring utility in each class it must be stated that the minimum score CSC will considered for an award is 70. Should all utilities in a particular class fail to score at least a 70 then no award will be given in that utility class for that year.

To facilitate the site visit CSC request that you be completely prepared. This includes providing the proper meeting facility, having the proper documents on hand, providing the proper staff to present your utility documents, as well as answer questions, etc.

Please take this time to perform a self-evaluation of you collection system.

Utilizing the 2008 Collection System of the Year Self-Evaluation Form please enter your self-evaluation points for each line item. (You should enter your self-evaluation points, 1 thru 10, in the “green colored cells” under the column entitled “Score: 1 – 10”. “1” represents the lowest score while “10” represents the highest score.) Note: If the points are entered electronically into the spreadsheet then your earned points will be automatically calculated and displayed in the column entitled “Earned Points”.

Once your have completed your self-evaluation please review your grade. If you score is less than 70 then:

1. Please evaluate your program and determine those items that need improvement. If you identify items that can be improved then the CSC requests you accomplish those items prior to CSC’s arrival.
or
2. If your review does not identify items that can improve your score to 70 or higher then CSC suggests you reconsider whether your utility should continue in your quest this year for the Collection System of the Year award.

If your self-evaluation score is 70 or higher the CSC hopes you will look for areas of improvement and accomplish those items prior to CSC’s arrival. Improvement of your score should not only improve your utility’s chances of selection as the “Collection System of the Year” but may also improve your utility’s successes during the coming year.

The Collection System Committee looks forward to our site visit with you and your staff.