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AWWA standards to serve people of India

Indian Water Works Association, AWWA sign collaboration agreement
at IWWA conference in Jodhpur

(Denver, CO) – At a Jan. 29 ceremony in Jodhpur, India, the American Water Works Association and the Indian Water Works Association signed an historic collaboration agreement that licenses IWWA to distribute 27 AWWA standards in India.

The agreement, the first of its kind for AWWA, will assist in the development of safe and efficient water and wastewater utilities in many developing areas of India.

“AWWA standards are really the heart of our association,” AWWA Acting Executive Director Paula MacIlwaine said during the ceremony at IWWA’s 42nd Annual Convention. “They get to the core of our most basic mission, which is to protect public health. And they are created by AWWA’s greatest asset: its 60,000 members. So I am really pleased to be sharing with you the very heart of our association.”

The collaboration agreement paves the way for broader cooperation between the two associations in the areas of publishing, products and services, and conferences. Among the potential activities include publishing articles in each other’s peer-reviewed journals, partnering on webcasts and other training opportunities, and collaborating on conferences.

“It’s important that we recognize this moment as the beginning of a much larger relationship,” said MacIlwaine, who was joined at the ceremony by past AWWA president Nilaksh Kothari, a native of India. “While our cultures differ in so many ways, we are tied together by our solemn obligation to provide safe water for our people.”

“We look forward to a long and productive relationship with AWWA,” said IWWA President Mr. K.M.L. Mathur. “The work we accomplish together will benefit the people we serve.”

AWWA is the authoritative resource for knowledge, information, and advocacy to improve the quality and supply of water in North America and beyond. AWWA is the largest organization of water professionals in the world. AWWA advances public health, safety and welfare by uniting the

efforts of the full spectrum of the entire water community. Through our collective strength we become better stewards of water for the greatest good of the people and the environment.

The Indian Water Works Association (IWWA) is a voluntary body of professionals concerned and connected with water supply for municipal, industrial, agricultural uses and treatment and disposal of wastewater. IWWA focuses basically on the entire "Water Cycle" encompassing the environmental, social, institutional and financing issues.