ALLIANCE FOR WATER STEWARDSHIP TRAINING

A FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING & MITIGATING WATER-RELATED RISKS

Online Training

AWS Training Program. AWS offers training to organizations and individuals interested in:
- Working with partners to advocate for water stewardship best practices at sites and across watersheds;
- Understanding how water use impacts an organization's direct operations and supply chains;
- Using a management system approach to implement the *International Water Stewardship Standard* Version 2.0 ("AWS Standard") at sites and within supply chains; and
- Training, consulting and/or auditing to the AWS Standard.

The aim is to enable agricultural, industrial and commercial water users and their partners to access the knowledge needed to advocate for and implement the AWS Standard and those principles of water stewardship that align with the AWS System.

Training Format. The training program is tailored to the information, criteria and indicators found in AWS Standard v2.0. Each day is comprised of webinar-style training using online material and other documents that are emailed to participants in advance. Participant engagement is an important component of the program through small group exercises and case studies. Webcam functionality is required for participation.

Cost & Registration. Each single day of training is $450. Reductions are available for non-profit organizations and for individuals attending multiple days of training. See the registration site for additional pricing information.

AWS Professional Credentialing Program. AWS has developed a new Professional Credentialing program to assure the delivery of the essential core competencies for advocating for water stewardship best practices aligned with AWS, implementing the AWS Standard as well as preparing and certifying sites to the AWS Standard. The credentials have been structured to reflect awareness, practical knowledge and three disciplines of professional practice as reflected in the three levels (days) of training AWS currently offers. Successful completion of any of the three levels of AWS Training will result in an interim credential for individuals to reference in 2019. Starting in 2020, AWS will do a full roll-out of the Professional Credentialing program.

Day 1: Foundations of Water Stewardship

This one-day course is the first level of a modular program for users of the AWS water stewardship system. The Foundations of Water Stewardship course will enable participants to:
- Understand how water stewardship can contribute to their organization's goals;
- Understand how to engage with the AWS Standard;

- Gain a thorough overview of available tools to support the application of water stewardship;
- Grasp the core requirements of each of the five steps of the AWS Standard; and
- When appropriate, prepare participants for the Advanced Training in the AWS Standard.

Who should attend? The course is relevant to a broad audience of sustainability professionals, water users (agricultural, industrial and commercial), the water and wastewater industry, watershed groups and water policy makers.

Day 2: Advanced Training in the AWS Standard

This one-day course is the second level of a modular program for users of the AWS water stewardship system. The Advanced Training course will enable participants to:

- Achieve a deeper knowledge of the Standard's criteria and indicators and how they are applied at a site, within supply chains and at the watershed level;
- Build confidence in working with the Standard through experience with the application of criteria and indicators and group exercises to raise and resolve questions and ambiguities; and
- Integrate the AWS Standard into environmental management systems already in use while ensuring alignment at the site with external water initiatives like "integrated water resources management."

Who should attend? The course is tailored for people who will be implementing the AWS Standard in their operations or people providing related consulting, auditing or training services for clients with an interest in the Standard. The Day 1: Foundations of Water Stewardship course is a prerequisite for undertaking this course.

Day 3: Specialist Training in the AWS Standard

This one-day course is the third level of a modular program for users of the AWS water stewardship system. The Specialist Training course will:

- Equip specialist service providers with a deeper knowledge of all the components of the AWS System and how sites and service providers work together to ensure excellence in water stewardship performance;
- Provide specialist service providers an understanding of the AWS Accreditation, Certification and Self-Verification Requirements; and
- Prepare specialist service providers to work with clients on AWS pre-assessments and audits with an understanding of the AWS accreditation and verification programs and requirements.

Who should attend? Organizations and individuals interested in providing specialist services to clients as AWS accredited trainers, consultants and/or trainers. The Day 1 & Day 2: Foundations and Advanced Training courses are prerequisites for this course.

Training Opportunities

Register Here

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