



Upcoming ICWT meeting to feature discussion on safe drinking water and water issues associated with fruit processing

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The next ICWT Water Cluster meeting on March 19, will feature Jack Barker from Innovative Water Technologies (IWT) in Colorado and Dr. Gour Choudhury from Fresno State’s Center for Food Science and Nutrition Research (CFSNR).

International deaths and illnesses related to waterborne diseases are overwhelming. Jack Barker will start off the morning with a presentation on how to get safe drinking water technologies to areas of the globe that need it most. With a focus on areas that not only lack access to safe drinking water but also to power, this presentation addresses a global crisis, current research and development, the integration of technologies and IWT’s product- the Sunspring.

Barker has been a water and wastewater professional for over 25 years. He is the current president of AAA Operations Inc., a contract operations and management company. He is also president of Innovative Water Technologies Inc., focusing on researching, developing and manufacturing of innovative products for the water and wastewater industry.

Following Barker’s presentation will be Dr. Gour Choudhury discussing the goal of developing an eco-friendly system reducing fresh water use and wastewater discharge during fruit processing. Recent laboratory/pilot-scale research on a new system has indicated the potential for a significant reduction-more than 80%-of fresh water use and wastewater discharge during fruit peeling. A commercial prototype of the system has been designed, fabricated locally and installed at Wawona Frozen Foods for final evaluation and commercialization. This presentation will discuss this process and research findings.

Dr. Choudhury is the director of the Center for Food Science and Nutrition Research at Fresno State. He has expertise in process engineering, development and automation with more than 20 years of professional research experience at four different universities and in the food processing industry. He has developed and managed research programs, engaged in international activities in different countries, executed numerous collaborative projects with industry and academic institutions, and supervised research of industrial scientists, visiting faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate and undergraduate students, and technicians. He conceived, developed, and executed a “concept-to-commercialization” project and holds six patents in the areas of process engineering and automation. He has published extensively and presented numerous research papers at international, national and regional conferences.

Coaching and Appraising for Optimal Performance is the topic of the next supervisor training

Join us on March 19th from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Holiday Inn Downtown to learn the roles and responsibilities of a leader, how to coach and develop your employees, as well as how to do performance evaluations.

The fee is \$10 per supervisor and you can register by emailing Laura Ramos at lramos@csufresno.edu or calling 559-278-2066.

Is international trade right for you?

Curious about the advantages and risks associated with exporting and importing? Need more information to take your next step in the international marketplace? Is your company ready to export? Have questions about exporting your product or services? Are you familiar with the legal aspects of importing? Know when and how to use a customhouse broker? Is U.S. Customs causing delays in your shipments?

If so, then the “**Basics of Exporting**” and “**Importing into the U.S.**” workshops are for you!

The Center for International Trade Development (CITD) in cooperation with the Central California Small Business Development Center, Tulare County Workforce Investment Board, International Center for Water Technology, and the U.S. Department of Commerce will be hosting monthly workshops across the central San Joaquin Valley in 2009.

Basics of Exporting

This introductory workshop is for those interested in exploring the world of international business. The program will cover:

- Step-by-Step Export Process
- Selling: Domestic vs. International

- Export Readiness
- Export Logistics & Documentation
- Methods of Payment
- Terms of Sale (Incoterms)
- Developing an Export Strategy

Importing into the U.S.

Learn the basic steps involved when importing products into the United States. Discover how you can overcome barriers to importing. The program will cover:

- Entry Process
- Import Documentation & Invoices
- Assessment of Duty
- Import Laws & Regulations
- Tariff Classifications
- Special Requirements
- Foreign Trade Zones

Fees are \$40.00 per workshop or \$70 to attend both. For more information, please contact Frank Nuñez at (559) 324-6401 or via e-mail at rank.nunez@sccd.edu.

Sessions are held monthly. Check CITD’s website at www.icwt.net for dates and locations.

New web site: www.careersinthevalley.com

The Fresno County Workforce Investment Board (FCWIB), in partnership with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, has launched a new and unique web site:
www.careersinthevalley.com.

Careersinthevalley.com is a valuable resource that will link businesses to job seekers and job seekers to jobs and, if needed, vocational training across the region.

Jobseekers can find, in one location, jobs from over 3,300 job boards throughout the region to ease the search process

Businesses are able to:

- Post current job openings, at no charge
- Access training institutes and providers to recruit new graduates
- Review employment and hiring data in high- wage, high-growth industries by county (Fresno, Merced, Madera, Kings, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Kern, Inyo & Mono, Tulare)

- Search for and match applicants based on specific skill requirements
- Receive electronic notification when an application has been submitted

Careersinthevalley.com streamlines the recruitment and hiring process for local businesses to provide easier access to pre-screened job seekers that meet their specific needs. In doing so, FCWIB believes that businesses may be able to reduce costs and utilize added capital resources to expand jobs throughout the community.

In addition, the site also provides access to over eighty career ladder documents that provide comprehensive information about the requirements of specific jobs and careers including: promotional career paths, hiring criteria, WorkKeys® requirements, work environment, and potential salaries. This information will assist many job seekers today in determining what types of jobs are

March 19- get your company name in front of manufacturing and food processing students!

The annual CIMT Career Expo will take place on March 19 at the Holiday Inn Downtown and we need companies to attend!

Approximately 120 students from manufacturing-related programs in State Center Community College District including Fresno, Reedley, Madera and Clovis, are expected to come to this year's event to meet with manufacturers to learn about different manufacturing careers and apply for the CIMT internship program.

Students in the following areas are expected to attend:

- Welder
- CNC Operator
- CAD Designer
- CNC Programmer (CAM)
- Maintenance Mechanic
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Machinist

Act now and start the internship season ahead of schedule! For more information or to sign up as an exhibitor, please visit www.cimtprogram.org or e-mail Laura Ramos at lramos@csufresno.edu.

New RJI leadership ready for transition

Though they may feel like it's been years since they arrived, Mike Dozier and Christine Nutting, interim director and associate director, respectively, for the Office of Community and Economic Development at California State University, Fresno (aka, the RJI's executive staff) only landed in mid-January. For those who haven't had the opportunity to meet them, here's an introduction.

Mike Dozier spent five years in the Air Force, stationed primarily in Mississippi and England. He arrived in California, he says, in the 20th century version of the early pioneers' covered wagon: Ford's Country Squire station wagon.

Dozier, came to Fresno State from the City of Clovis Community and Economic Development after more than 15 years with the city, beginning in 1992 as project manager for its redevelopment agency. Other prior experience includes assistant to the City of Livingston city manager/planning director and the redevelopment director with the City of Atwater.

He is a graduate of Merced College and California State University, Stanislaus.

"I am a strong believer in economic development through innovation and collaboration," Dozier says. "As chief operations officer of RJI, I am committed to making the transition to our new direction as strong a force as the RJI has been for our region."

Christine Nutting is a Stockton girl who made her way to Fresno from Sacramento seven years ago. She has been involved in the human resources side of the workforce for her career. Nutting served as deputy director of Human Resources/Business Services with the Fresno Area Workforce Investment Connection from 2002 to 2006 and vice president of Human Resources/Operations for KTDA Group Homes Inc. from 2006 to 2007 until becoming part of the Office of Community and Economic Development.

Nutting's professional and community service affiliations include Society of Human Resources Management, Human Resource Association of Central California and Habitat for Humanity, Fresno. She was honored as Central California's 2006 Human Resource Professional of the Year. Nutting received a bachelor's degree in business from University of the Pacific and an MBA from California State University, Sacramento. More information about RJI can be found at www.fresnoRJI.org.

WATER CLUSTER MEETING
Holiday Inn Downtown
1055 Van Ness
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March 19, 2009

9 A.M. - 11 A.M.
Please RSVP to
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- Take highway 99 South
- Exit on Fresno St./Civic Center
- Right on Van Ness
- Hotel entrance on the right

From the North:

- Take highway 99 North
- Merge onto highway 41 North (towards Yosemite)
- Exit on Van Ness Ave./Civic Center
- Make a left on Van Ness
- Hotel entrance on left