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TFG To Present on Water Infrastructure Funding Opportunities in American Water Works Association Workshop

Leading minds behind WIFIA legislation, TFG to share information on WIFIA and SRF with public utilities in workshop presentation.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Ferguson Group (TFG) **Principal and Manager of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Stephanie Missert**, will join the American Water Works Association (AWWA) tomorrow, Wednesday, August 25th at 1:25 – 2:25 P.M. ET to virtually present "**How States Make SRF and WIFIA Work**".

The workshop brings together experts in water management policy to help utilities solve their water infrastructure financing challenges by effectively implementing funding opportunities through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF). This workshop is part of the "Financing Solutions for Water Infrastructure" program.

"We're seeing increasing threats to our water resource infrastructure throughout the country," said Stephanie Missert, TFG Principal and Manager of Policy and Regulatory Affairs. "Whether its historic droughts threatening water supply or more extreme wet weather events stressing stormwater and wastewater systems, it's vital that communities have every resource available for long-term water solutions. I'm looking forward to sharing information on the borrower's – particularly utilities – experience applying for both WIFIA and SRF to help them better understand how to apply for and securing these critical water resource funds."

TFG was a <u>lead voice</u> in establishing WIFIA – a long-term, low-cost financing program for local and state-level water projects – and was involved with three Letters of Interest (LOIs) selected to apply for <u>full applications</u> in Fiscal Year 2020. In fact, TFG has worked with successful WIFIA applicants in each round of funding under the program. For nearly 40 years, TFG has combined federal advocacy efforts in agriculture and urban water management policy with highly successful grant services to secure federal funding for water projects in local communities.

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