The Atotonilco Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Eastern Drainage Tunnel (Túnel Emisor Oriente) - TEO.

Call For Papers 2015
Towards the establishment of local public policies for water supply and sanitation

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ABOUT THE PRIZE

The World Water Council (WWC), the Government of Mexico through the National Water Commission (CONAGUA) jointly with the National Association of Water and Sanitation Utilities in Mexico (ANEAS) committed to the cause of sustainable water resources management, an issue of the utmost importance for the future development of Mexico— the host country of the 4th World Water Forum in March 2006, have established a solid strategic alliance to foster, stimulate and recognize successful local public policies for water resources management, and hereby call for proposals for the Prize.

This Prize has the purpose to acknowledge the genuine concern voiced by national and international citizens and governments, regarding the increasing global water crisis as well as current policies in water supply, sewerage and sanitation services, concerns which demand the collective attention and joint endeavor of the governments of the world.

Additionally, since the Mexico Water Prize is focused on improving the provision of water and sanitation, it essentially contributes to the Post 2015 agenda, through the recognition of an objective dedicated to the water sector as a fundamental part of the world’s development agenda with measurable targets and indicators to support welfare, economic development and the environment and furthermore, this award reaffirms the theme of water as a common thread that connects all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The MWP has the aim to promote, divulge and stimulate best practices in implemented public policies which have had successful local outcomes for water resources management, and which can demonstrate measurable results in the solution of problems related to water supply, sewerage and sanitation services.

» TERMS OF SUBMISSION «

1. Applicable policies

Policies implemented by local authorities in charge of water and sanitation services provision between 2010 and 2013 which are notable for having implemented successful public policies for water resources management in the water and sanitation sector; Institutional policies with measurable results in terms of population benefited, investments, operating costs, rates, infrastructure expansion, technical assistance, etc., Policies that demonstrate the solution of the users’ specific problems through the services provided; Policies that display collaboration between different local authorities with optimal results for the inhabitants; Policies with a long term vision which contribute to generate new knowledge on the use and management of water resources in order to preserve enough water for the cities.

2. Format for submission of policies and deadline

Applications must be submitted in English only. To submit proposals: Download the application form available at the 7th World Water Forum website www.worldwaterforum7.org. Send the application form and the proposal with the required information by email at internacional@conagua.gob.mx, the proposal should be summarized in a no more than 4,000 words document. Applications must be received no later than November 1st, 2014 -February 20th, 2015.

3. Constraints:

Each local government or authority may submit only one proposal. In cases in which a second proposal is submitted, only the first one will be considered. Policies from national governments, individuals, non-governmental organizations, universities and private companies are not eligible. Policies which were not either partially or totally implemented in the period from 2010 to 2013 are not eligible. Policies which have been rewarded by similar or comparable contests are not eligible.

4. About the jury:

The Jury will be formed by five experts, specialists and public officials of various nationalities, knowledgeable about water issues and local government perspectives. Based on the list of valid candidates prepared by the Pre-Selection Committee, the Jury will assess the candidates and award the first, second and third prize. The evaluation period of the proposals by the Jury will be from January 31st - February 20th, 2015.

5. Assessment Criteria

Contribution to the efficient management and operation of water services; Percentage of population benefited; Costs of the implemented program; Applicability of the policy for collective and solidarity purposes, and the policy’s ease of replication, innovation, opportunity and feasibility components of the policy; Proof of favorable impact on the beneficiaries, as set forth in the policy.

6. Value of Prizes

First Place: $25,000 US Dlls.
Second Place: $15,000 US Dlls.
Third Place: $10,000 US Dlls.

7. Announcing the results

The results of the Prize will be published on the Organizers’ websites. Additionally, the Secretariat of the Prize will give written notice both to the Prize winners and to those not selected for the Prize. The Prize will be awarded during the week of the 7th World Water Forum, which will take place from 12 to 17 April, 2015 in Daegu-Gyeongbuk, Korea.

8. Timeline

Issue of the Call for Proposals - October 30th, 2014
Evaluation Period - January 31st - February 20th, 2015
Announcement of results - February 27th, 2015
Award Ceremony - April, 2015