“Click, Listen, and Learn”: practical, web-based training modules

This new “virtual” training format for local agencies combines speaker telephone (audio) with the Internet (visual). For $125, several staff at one location can participate in brief but substantive in-house training.

Several upcoming, two-hour Click, Listen, and Learn workshops are the joint effort of APWA and LTAP to make quality training opportunities convenient and affordable for local governments.

Bret Hodne, street superintendent for the City of West Des Moines, has participated in a couple of these workshops. He says, “Our department thinks that this is an excellent format since you can train several employees at once on site. We also feel that it is cost effective.” One drawback, Hodne adds, is that the format somewhat limits the amount of back-and-forth interaction between the trainer and participants.

A few upcoming topics:
- February 5: EPA Phase II storm water regulations
- March 5: dirt and gravel road maintenance
- May 21: conflict solving for the new supervisor
- July 17: implementing GASB 34
- October 29: chemicals/abrasives for winter maintenance
- December 5: risk management and tort liability

For more information and a complete calendar of workshops, or to register for a workshop, see the APWA website: www.apwa.net/education/CLL/. Or contact Michael Long, APWA’s project manager of adult learning programs, 816-472-6100.

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