

## **The LSP Association's WES Professional Practice Grant**

The LSPA is pleased to announce the availability of the Wesley E. Stimpson (WES) Professional Practice Grant to commemorate the exemplary leadership, dedication and service of Wesley E. Stimpson, PE, LSP, to the professional practice of hazardous waste site cleanup and to the LSP Association. The grant is to be used for the advancement of the professional practice of Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs).

In presenting his thoughts regarding the appropriate use of the Grant funds, Wes noted in a letter to the LSPA Board:

*It is of great importance to me that LSPs view themselves as professionals and practice as professionals. The privatized Massachusetts Contingency Plan program has survived and thrived because most LSPs do hold themselves to high professional standards. The ultimate success of this innovative program, in fact, is dependent on this strong sense of professionalism. The LSP Association works continually to support and reinforce this relatively new area of practice. Our successes have allowed this practice to develop and continue to grow....*

*LSPs must not only have strong technical abilities, they must also practice collaboration, proper professional etiquette, and ethical and moral behavior. I believe that one of the more important traits for an LSP is a willingness to share his/her overall knowledge of the practice with developing LSPs and other environmental professionals. As demonstrated by the founding LSPs, a skilled LSP will work toward continuous improvement in the practice and see the long-term benefit of sharing knowledge with and mentoring newer professionals.*

The LSPA Board has appointed a WES Grant Review Committee to administer the WES Professional Practice Grant Program, and to review and determine grant worthiness. The Review Committee is comprised of three LSPA members active in the current or past management and administration of the LSPA: 1) one current LSPA Board member, 2) one Past President of the LSPA, and 3) one at-large member of the LSPA, with experience in LSPA committee or other leadership work. The current Review Committee is:

- Cosmo Gallinaro, LSP, Commonsense Environmental, Inc. (Board member)
- J. Andrew Irwin, PE, LSP, President of IRWIN Engineers, Inc. (Past President)
- Wesley E. Stimpson, PE, LSP, former LSPA Executive Director and retired from Haley & Aldrich, Inc. (At-large member)

**There are two grant cycles annually:**

	<b>Fall Cycle</b>	<b>Spring Cycle</b>
<b>Applications due</b>	October 1	April 1
<b>Awards announced</b>	November 1	May 1

The following criteria should apply to grant applications:

- The applicant is a member of the LSP Association.
- The funded effort will produce a tangible product, such as a technical paper, an event, a research tool, a presentation at an LSPA event or other appropriate product as determined by the Review Committee.
- The product will advance the state of the practice of rendering LSP Opinions, the professionalism of LSPs participating in the MCP program, or educate the public and participating parties as to the contributions made by practicing LSPs.
- The product will be produced in less than six months
- The applicant will contribute time, services or materials of at least a similar value to the award amount requested.
- The product or project results will be, at a minimum, documented and made readily available in written form such as publication in the LSPA Technical Journal, LSPA News, LSPA website, or similar publically distributed forum.
- All applicants are expected to include specific measurable project goals and timelines in their proposals. Grant awards are subject to a Memorandum of Understanding between the LSPA and the Grantee that documents the grant use, goals and conditions.

The applicant should prepare an application for the review committee no more than five pages in length that includes the following information:

- LSPA Membership and Participation Information
- Name of Project
- Overall Project Budget
- Grant Amount Sought and Demonstration of Matching Funds/Effort
- What is the Problem or Issue to be Addressed (or) What are Your Project Goals?
- Who will Benefit From Your Project (or) Why is Your Project Important to the LSP Practice?
- What Unique Strengths or Interests Do You or Your Organization Bring to Your Project?
- Lead Time to Start Your Project?
- Duration of Your Project?
- How will You Communicate with the LSPA during Your Project?
- How will You Assess the Success or Effectiveness of Your Project?
- How will Your Project Results be Communicated or Presented to the Association Membership?
- Statements of Support or Other Project Proponents or Subcontractors

Please submit your grant application by email to April Veilleux, LSPA Program Manager, [aveilleux@virtualmgmt.com](mailto:aveilleux@virtualmgmt.com).

Please contact Wendy Rundle, Executive Director, at [wenrun@gmail.com](mailto:wenrun@gmail.com) or 617-484-4027 with any questions.