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WJTA 2019 Focuses on Safety Best Practices, Equipment, New Technologies

July 26, 2019, St. Louis, MO – The 2019 WJTA Conference and Expo will be held November 11-13 in New Orleans at the Morial Convention Center. A daylong pre-conference short course will be held on Monday, November 11, and the conference sessions and expo activities will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12-13. New to the program this year is a dedicated session track for asset owners and a panel discussion on collaboration between asset owners, contractors, and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

Organized by the WaterJet Technology Association (WJTA), the Conference/Expo is the major academic conference, tradeshow, and educational program for high pressure waterjet technology, industrial/municipal cleaning and vacuuming and related services.

“Our goal is to provide participants with the networking and tools to succeed in an evolving and challenging marketplace through educational programs, safety practices, equipment options, live demonstrations and opportunities to connect with high-level contacts,” says Peter Wright, WJTA association manager.

As the major gathering for waterjet technology and industrial cleaning, the Conference/Expo provides an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and cooperation between industry sectors. Representatives involved in waterjet cutting and manufacturing technologies; waterblast cleaning and field services; coating removal and surface preparation; concrete removal; industrial and municipal vacuuming; vacuum excavation; drilling, tunneling and mining; rock cutting; and demilitarization are invited to participate.

The Conference/Expo also serves as a valuable platform for communication and cooperation between asset owners, contractors, suppliers, researchers, and other stakeholders for the advancement of our industry.

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The 2019 program features a full-day waterjet technology short course, educational sessions, live demonstrations, technical research and whitepaper presentations, product and equipment displays, and networking opportunities.

The pre-conference *Basics and Beyond Short Course* is designed to provide an applied introduction to the technology and practical applications of waterjets and related equipment. Taught by expert instructors, this course is intended for anyone with an interest in waterjet technology, ranging from first-time users and new employees to those seeking to increase their level of knowledge, including field techs, suppliers, support staff, engineers, marketing personnel, and potential new users.

Focused, half-hour educational sessions throughout the event offer another opportunity for participants to gain valuable knowledge that can improve their safety and bottom line.

The academic component of the Conference/Expo features leading engineers, researchers and business leaders sharing new developments, applications and theory, as well as practical case studies for the contractor and end user, during technical conference paper presentations.

WJTA's live equipment demonstrations have been an extremely popular part of the program for over 27 years. Participants will see cutting edge equipment operating live and under pressure, showing the mechanics behind the operation and the safety practices that can help prevent jobsite incidents.

Finally, a global exposition of new industrial waterjet/waterblast tools and equipment, trucks, ancillaries and service providers will be displayed in the exhibit hall. Leading manufacturers and contractors will display a range of heavy equipment as well as interactive, hands-on tooling setups.

Visit **www.wjtaimcaexpo.com** for the latest Conference/Expo news and developments or **call 1-314-241-1445**.

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The WaterJet Technology Association (WJTA), formed in 1983, is a professional association providing service, education, and representation to members, including contractors, asset owners, manufacturers, researchers, and educators in the waterjetting, industrial cleaning, and industrial vacuum equipment industries. The WJTA is dedicated to promoting safety, facilitating communication, fostering trade and promoting the waterjet industry. To address the needs of WJTA members with an active interest in high pressure cleaning and industrial vacuuming technology, WJTA formed a special interest group, the Industrial & Municipal Cleaning Association (IMCA), in 2009. The addition of the IMCA expanded the scope of the WJTA to include technologies used in conjunction with waterjets in industrial and municipal applications. A major aim of the association is to educate members, their employees, and all users of the technology regarding safety and best practices. WJTA developed safety manuals and videos to help people ensure a safe and productive work environment for workers and site visitors. The WJTA Medical Alert Card offers guidance for physicians and emergency medical personnel treating waterjet injuries. The WJTA keeps members abreast of the latest developments in products, equipment, applications, industry news, and on-the-job safety in a variety of ways: the *Jet News* newsletter, eblasts and social media channels, a regularly updated website, and conferences and expos.