



COUNCIL OF INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITIES

2021 CIFA SRF Workshop

Salt Lake City, Utah • October 4, 3:10 – 3:50 pm

Lessons Learned: Update From the Dakotas

Learn how North Dakota is coordinated across programs and agencies to maximize funding for water infrastructure. Hear how South Dakota used creating approaches to planning, partnering and financing to successfully consolidate several small water systems.

Meet the Speakers



Mike Perkovich, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Mike Perkovich is the Administrator of the Environmental Funding program within the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Mike began his career in water and wastewater funding when the Clean Water SRF program was in its infancy and has been around for all 791 Clean and Drinking Water SRF loans that have been awarded. Mike also spent 3-1/2 years with the department's Minerals and Mining program. Mike has a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in South Dakota and is a member of the South Dakota Engineering Society.



Andy Bruels, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Andy Bruels is Division Director for Financial and Technical Assistance for the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Since 2009, Andy has administered state grant and loan programs along with the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs, primarily handling the technical engineering aspects. Previously, he spent five years as a project engineer overseeing specific projects with state and federal funding from review of the funding application through completion. Andy serves as the department's primary contact for regional rural water systems. He received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Minnesota State University Mankato and has been a registered Professional Engineer in South Dakota since 2013.



DeAnn Ament, North Dakota Public Finance Authority

DeAnn Ament serves as the Executive Director of the North Dakota Public Finance Authority. She was appointed to this position 2010. Ms. Ament had served as the Business Manager of the North Dakota Public Finance Authority since 1998. Prior to joining the Public Finance Authority, she was an audit supervisor with Eide Bailly LLP where her work focused on governmental and non-profit auditing and small business accounting. DeAnn earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Minnesota State University, Moorhead. She is a graduate of the Dakota School of Banking, a licensed Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Global Management Accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.