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Hydropower Foundation Launches Waterpower Club/Waterpower Community Partnership

Uniting the Waterpower Sector with Tomorrow's Energy Innovators

Littleton, CO– October 20, 2023 – The Hydropower Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to workforce development with endorsement from the National Hydropower Association, is excited to introduce its innovative Waterpower Club and Waterpower Community Partnership (WC² or WC Squared) program.

This initiative comprises two integral components: student-led Waterpower Clubs established in colleges and universities and under the guidance of faculty advisors and a broader Waterpower Community collaborating directly with these clubs. This partnership aims to bridge the gap between academic institutions and the hydropower and marine energy communities, fostering a reciprocal relationship of growth and learning.

The Waterpower Clubs are set to function as platforms to heighten college students' awareness of the myriad of benefits of pursuing a career in waterpower. They will provide invaluable resources and unique opportunities for student engagement with leading industry professionals. The Hydropower Foundation is committed to collaborating with faculty advisors to establish these clubs across various schools, ensuring they are accessible to students from all degree programs relevant to potential careers in the hydropower sector.

Concurrently, the Waterpower Community is poised to augment this educational endeavor by actively participating in club meetings, organizing waterpower facility tours, providing crucial funding and scholarships, and hosting exclusive hiring events.

“We are very excited about the opportunities this program offers to bridge the gap between students and industry,” said Linda Church Ciocci, Executive Director of the Hydropower Foundation. “We envision clubs around the country creating a ready-made pipeline for entry-level positions, including students bringing greater diversity within our industry.”

The Hydropower Foundation's launch of WC² marks a significant stride toward uniting current and future energy leaders and reinforces its commitment to cultivating a skilled and informed workforce ready to propel the hydropower industry forward.

About the Hydropower Foundation:

Founded in 1994, the Hydropower Foundation (HF) is dedicated to ensuring hydropower's sustainable contribution to a clean energy future. It is a dedicated group of engineers, scientists, green energy supporters, technologists, biologists, businesses, industry, and non-governmental organizations with a mission to develop a waterpower workforce through programs that provide future workers with knowledge and opportunities in the industry. The organization is a 501c3 not-

for-profit committed to supporting the Nation's first and most flexible renewable resource, hydropower. It is funded by contracts, grants, events, and industry sponsorships.

