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Abstract submission deadline for 2014 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium extended to 31 January 2014

Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, USA (16 December 2013) - The International Society of Automation (ISA) is pleased to announce that the deadline for submitting abstracts for the 2014 ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls (WWAC) Symposium has been extended to 31 January 2014. The original deadline was 15 December 2013.

The 2014 ISA WWAC Symposium, to be conducted 5-7 August 2014 at the award-winning <u>Crowne Plaza Orlando Universal</u> Hotel in sunny Orlando, Florida, USA, is expected to draw between 200 and 300 attendees and more than 30 speakers.

Presented by the ISA Water/Wastewater Industries Division, in collaboration with the Florida Section of the AWWA (FSAWWA), the Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA), the WEF Automation and Info Tech Committee, and the Instrumentation Testing Association (ITA), the ISA WWAC Symposium helps professionals in the water and wastewater industries understand how instrumentation, SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition), and automatic control applications are vital to the treatment and distribution of water, and the collection and treatment of wastewater. The symposium also provides an excellent opportunity to gain valuable technical information, networking, professional development, and continuing education credits (CEUs and PDHs).

Prospective authors are invited to submit a 250-word abstract based on a 30-minute presentation, a 6-12-page paper or large-format poster. Papers for acceptance should address topics in automation within the water and wastewater industry, and must not be product- or company-specific in natures. All papers are peer reviewed to conform, or to be modified to conform, to <u>ISA Water and Wastewater Industry Division</u> and ISA format, content and quality guidelines. For complete guidelines and other important Call for Papers dates and information, visit http://isawwsymposium.com/call-for-abstracts/.

Popular subject areas of interest include:

- New technologies and applications
- SCADA Security, ISA99, CSET, and mitigating risks
- Control system redundancy and robust design
- Wireless technologies
- New control system technologies
- Process optimization
- SCADA
- Energy use modeling and optimization with SCADA
- HMI design for operator effectiveness
- Human factors and control room design

- Alarm management and alarm rationalization
- Data reporting and presentation techniques /strategies
- Data management, historians and data retrieval

"The ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium has continued to be successful over the past three years. Our secret is our focus," says Bob Lindeman, the 2012 president of ISA who gave the opening remarks at the 2013 WWAC Symposium. "The event caters specifically to the needs of professionals involved with automation, instrumentation and SCADA in the municipal water and wastewater sectors. It is a niche event and we are proud of its increasing popularity. There is no other event like it in North America."

In addition to the technical program, two optional training courses will be offered in conjunction with the symposium:

- Troubleshooting Instrumentation and Control Systems, a two-day training class providing information on typical control system architectures and troubleshooting these systems for technicians.
- Introduction to Industrial Automation Security and the ANSI/ISA99 Standards, an eight-hour introductory training class on automation security and the <u>ANSI/ISA99</u>, Industrial Automation and Control Systems Security standards.

For more details on the 2014 ISA WWAC Symposium, including the program schedule, events, networking opportunities and training, visit www.isawwsymposium.com.

About the ISA Water/Wastewater and Automatic Controls Symposium

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About ISA

Founded in 1945, the International Society of Automation (ISA) is a leading, global, non-profit organization that is setting the standard for automation by helping over 30,000 worldwide members and other professionals solve difficult technical problems, while enhancing their leadership and personal career capabilities. Based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, ISA develops standards, certifies industry professionals, provides education and training, publishes books and technical articles, and hosts conferences and exhibitions for automation professionals. For more information see www.isa.org.