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Innovation from Chicago utilities and *Current* highlighted at WEFTEC

Current, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) and the Chicago Department of Water Management (CDWM) welcome the world's water innovators to Chicago this week for WEFTEC, the Water Environment Foundation's annual Technical Exhibition and Conference. WEFTEC, the world's largest annual water quality technical conference, convenes water and wastewater industry leaders.

Current, Chicago's new water tech innovation organization, and its partners MWRD and CDWM will be featured at WEFTEC throughout the week. Innovators from around the world, including Israel, the Netherlands, and Canada, will meet with *Current* to discuss piloting their technology in Chicago through *Current* and its partners. At *Current*'s inaugural "Innovators Forum," industry leaders will share insights on commercializing new technologies and successful go-to-market strategies for solutions striving for market share.

"*Current* is convening the country's leading investors, technology companies, and industry executives at our Innovators Forum," said Steve Frenkel, Executive Director of *Current*. "Chicago is in a unique position to lead the world in water tech innovation given our strong water industry and international influence."

The MWRD will receive awards for their Stickney Water Reclamation Plant Nutrient Recovery Facility and the innovative facility design at their Calumet Tunnel and Reservoir Plan.

"The MWRD is proud to highlight our innovative work to transform the wastewater industry through resource recovery, outcome engineering and nutrient management," said David St. Pierre, MWRD Executive Director. "*Current* plays an important role in bolstering the MWRD's work using *Current*'s innovative tech-to-market platform that offers the technology validation and real-world demonstration needed to grow and scale innovations."

Current, a non-profit based in Chicago, amplifies advanced water research, pilots new water technology, and brings viable innovations to market. *Current*'s unique partnership with the MWRD and CDWM leverages each utility's scale and capacity via the world's largest treatment and filtration plants.

"Through our partnership with *Current*, our goal is to host a variety of cutting-edge technology pilots that deliver greater environmental and economic sustainability," said CDWM Commissioner Randy Conner. "WEFTEC is ripe with new collaboration opportunities for *Current* and CDWM."

For more information on WEFTEC, visit www.weftec.org.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for used water treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.