

Update on the Sedimentation Education Program

Presentations/Exhibits

The Education Specialist participated in the West Pender Middle School career fair on May 15, 2015. The event is intended to help students to start generating ideas about the occupational possibilities that are available. The Career & Technical Education teacher invited various companies that represent all of the career clusters identified by the United States Department of Education. There were approximately 54 professionals present for the event. The students had the opportunity to explore displays, and ask questions about the industries represented.

Workshops

Fall Erosion and Sedimentation Control Planning and Design Workshops were canceled due to departmental budget issues. During FY2014-15, approximately \$125,000 were allocated toward the sedimentation education fund. Currently, DEMLR anticipates \$60,900 for conducting workshops and outreach events during FY 2015-16. Staff is working diligently to develop contingency plans in order to facilitate training events.

Planning is underway for the Annual Workshop and Banquet for Local Programs, and the Spring Erosion and Sedimentation Control Planning and Design Workshops. Considerations are being made to conduct the workshops in strategic areas to encourage participation, in a cost effective manner. Details regarding the events are to be determined.

Contract Administration

Final invoices were completed, and the contracts have been closed out for FY2014-2015. The following contracts for FY2015-2016 were approved, during the May Sedimentation Control Commission meeting: “Support for Four Workshops to Train Design Professionals,” and “Support for Annual Workshop and Awards Luncheon for Local Programs.”