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Department of Water Management Hiring More Than 160 New Personnel to Meet Mayor Emanuel's Construction Goals for 2013

(Chicago, IL—March 18, 2013)—The Chicago Department of Water Management (DWM) is posting more than 160 job openings for a range of positions as it hires to meet higher construction goals set by Mayor Rahm Emanuel. DWM is planning to install 75 miles of new water main and 57 miles of new sewer main in 2013, after installing 70 miles of water main in 2012.

“By investing in our infrastructure we are investing in our future. Upgrading and improving our water system improves the quality of life for our residents, including those who directly benefit from the jobs created by these construction projects and the millions who rely on our water system every day,” said Mayor Emanuel. “It’s not possible to run a 21st Century economy on a 20th Century infrastructure. I applaud the Department of Water Management for its continued hard work and progress in replacing these sewer mains.”

DWM expects to fill the positions for laborers, plumbers and equipment operators in May or June of this year, which will allow for more workers during the busy summer months.

Our crews are working to make certain our water system continues to reliably provide clean, fresh water to Chicago residents and our suburban partners. Hiring for these positions will allow us to repair and replace even more outdated portions of our water system, some of which date back 100 years,” said Thomas H. Powers, P.E., Commissioner of Water Management.

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“We are proud to partner with Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Department of Water Management in repairing the city’s water system and getting people back to work,” said Joe Healy, Business Manager of Laborers Local 1092. “Repairing the city’s infrastructure is more than an investment in the future, it’s an investment lives of the men and women making these repairs.”

“Plumbers take great pride in being part of the team that provides clean, potable water to the residents of Chicago and the many suburbs that rely on this system for water,” said Jim Coyne, Business Manager of Plumbers Local 130. “By working together, we can repair, replace and rehabilitate this system to protect our greatest natural resource from being needlessly wasted.”

DWM has worked closely with the Department of Transportation (CDOT), People’s Energy and Com Ed to map assets in the city and share priorities for replacing those assets. DWM has also worked with aldermen to list streets in their wards in need of repair. This effort will ensure maximum efficiency and minimal disruption for neighborhoods involved.

As for hiring, DWM is posting the following positions:

Title	Number of Positions
Laborer Apprentice	81 (Construction laborer; assists in capital construction and infrastructure maintenance.)
Hoisting Engineer	15 (Heavy equipment operators in capital construction and infrastructure maintenance.)
Seasonal Plumber	17 (Capital construction and infrastructure maintenance)
Stationary Engineer A	16 (Both categories of Stationary Engineers work in filtration
Stationary Engineer C	33 plants or pumping stations producing and supplying the Water we drink)

In addition, DWM will post openings for Civil Engineers and Filtration Engineers in the next few months. Interested applicants should look for postings at:

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dhr.html>, or on the first floor of City Hall.

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