## US Water Prize winners honored

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On April 23, the Clean Water America Alliance presented six organizations the 2012 US Water Prize in a ceremony attended by 300 US water leaders.Â

"Water needs champions," noted Ben Grumbles, president of the Alliance. "These six shining stars bring creative strategies and cutting-edge approaches that deserve to be promoted as models toward water sustainability."

The US Water Prize winners are Pepsico Frito-Lay, Milwaukee

Metropolitan Sewerage District, Philadelphia Water Department, Project

Wet Foundation, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Salmon

Falls Watershed Collaborative. Cross agency interest and enthusiasm for the US Water Prize was reflected in the panel of keynote speakers that included the Honorable

Anne Castle, assistant secretary for water and science, US Department of the Interior; Nancy Stoner, acting assistant administrator for water,

US Environmental Protection Agency, and; Ann Mills, deputy under secretary for natural resources and environment, US Department of Agriculture.Â

"We're celebrating water heroes today who are leading the way for a more sustainable future," said Grumbles. "Each winner is improving our water future in different and important ways."

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