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AWT FOSTERS RELATIONS WITH CHINESE WATER TREATMENT SPECIALISTS

Rockville, MD (June 19, 2006) – On June 16, The Association of Water Technologies (AWT) met with a delegation of 13 water treatment specialists from China, representing six different organizations. The U.S. Department of Commerce arranged a United States tour for this group in an effort to promote U.S. exports to China in the water treatment industry. The Chinese delegation is seeking the services of U.S. companies, especially in the field of waste water and potable water.

The group met with AWT's President, Jay Farmerie, AWT's Past President, William Pearson, and AWT's Executive Director, Heidi Zimmerman. "AWT was pleased to meet with representatives from China, one of the largest developing markets in the world. This meeting will provide AWT members with the opportunity to cultivate partnerships with these groups and expand their businesses internationally," Farmerie said.

AWT will work with the Department of Commerce to provide China with information about AWT member companies that are interested in providing these services to companies in China. "We are looking forward to developing a winning situation for China's water treatment program and our AWT companies," said William Pearson.

AWT is an international trade association representing nearly 500 regional companies that specialize in industrial and commercial water treatment for heating and cooling systems (boilers, cooling towers, etc). These companies may also specialize in wastewater treatment, potable water treatment, and other industry segments. For additional information about AWT, visit our www.awt.org or call our headquarters at 301-740-1421.

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