

## David M. Fox Receives Award for Outstanding Service to Water Profession

AMES – At the annual conference for the Iowa Section of the American Water Works Association, David Fox was presented with the “Outstanding Service to the Water Profession Award.”

His career as an environmental engineer spans 43 years. He earned degrees in civil and sanitary engineering from Iowa State University and, along with several colleagues formed FOX Engineering in 1993. He and those partners have continued to be hands-on engineers involved with the design and operation of treatment facilities. The firm specializes in water, wastewater, and solid waste solutions for municipal and industrial clients across the Midwest and beyond.

Fox is one of a select group of engineers in Iowa to become a Board Certified Environmental Engineer, a distinction earned through the American Academy of Environmental Engineering. There are six non-academic BCEE’s in Iowa – four are principals at FOX Engineering.

Fox stays close to water-related issues away from the office, too. He’s been active in Water For People, a project of the American Water Works Association with a goal of developing safe drinking water, adequate sanitation and basic health services around the world. He raises money for the international association. In 2005 Fox received the Water For People Miller Award for increasing the visibility of Water For People in Iowa, including formation of a joint committee with the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association.

He plans to ramp up his Water For People activities in retirement. He’s helping organize the group’s World Water Corps to recruit and train in-country volunteers to do needs assessments, data collection and monitoring.

“If we can train volunteers to do that, the money we raise can be used for real projects,” he says.

Fox also has been involved in Habitat for Humanity in Story County as well as Rotary.

Professionally, Fox has been a member of the American Water Works Association for more than 40 years holding every office at the state level, served as an International Director and served on a number of its committees, including its Diversity and Member Improvement Committee. Fox also served on the ISU Department of Civil and Construction Engineering Advisory Committee and is a past chair

