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MAP welcomes Hartley to Missouri staff

NEW PRAGUE, Minn., October 15, 2008 – Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., welcomes Kristina Hartley, resource development advisor, to its staff in Missouri.

An accomplished environmental, health and safety manager, Hartley has served as director of public works for Sulphur Springs, Ark. In this role, she was responsible for operation of the water, wastewater, streets, parks and buildings departments. She played an integral role in policy and procedure implementation, loss prevention, staff development and operational analysis. Hartley also was assistant director of the Pineville, Mo., public works department and a water operator for Simmons Foods in South West City, Mo., and the city of Lanagan, Mo.

“Kristina brings excellent hands-on experience, along with in-depth understanding of municipal water systems to this position,” says Martha Cashman, MAP CEO. “She will help take our programs and services in Missouri to the next level for our clients.”

In addition to her work experience, Hartley is active in her community and serves on the board of the Maysville (Ark.) Township Fire Department.

“Kristina is a wonderful addition to our staff,” says Dennis Siders, MAP regional director. “She understands the technical side of water and wastewater and is a certified operator in both Missouri and Arkansas. As the public works director for a small community, she knows first-hand the financial and managerial aspects of operating a rural utility.”

Based in Springfield, Mo., Hartley can be reached via e-mail at khartley@map-inc.org or phone at 417-631-2226.

Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping rural communities in a nine-state area improve their environment, quality of life and achieve self sustainability. MAP helps revitalize small communities by working with them to find solutions for their infrastructure, enterprise development, aging, technology or training issues. It's a member of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, a national, rural community development network. MAP is an equal-opportunity lender, provider and employer.