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## Cobb County Water System Wins 2014 WaterSense® Partner of the Year Award

Las Vegas, Nevada—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized Cobb County Water System (CCWS) with a 2014 WaterSense Partner of the Year award. The Water Efficiency Program was honored at the WaterSmart Innovations Conference for its commitment to water efficiency and efforts to educate Americans about WaterSense during 2013.

By producing and promoting WaterSense labeled products, new homes, and programs, WaterSense partners helped Americans save 271 billion gallons of water in 2013 alone—enough water to supply all U.S. homes for 26 days! More than 1,500 utility, manufacturer, retail, builder, and organizational partners helped WaterSense realize these accomplishments. Every year, a select few are recognized for their significant program contributions.

"EPA is pleased to honor this impressive group of WaterSense program leaders", said Ken Kopocis, Deputy Assistant Administrator in EPA's Office of Water. "Their efforts to build strong, resilient water systems are helping communities nationwide meet challenges of extreme weather events, drought, and other effects of our changing climate."

Cobb County Water System was honored as a 2014 WaterSense Partner of the Year Award winner. For helping to promote WaterSense and water efficiency throughout 2013 Cobb's comprehensive approach earned the utility its third WaterSense Promotional Partner of the Year Award and translated into measurable water savings.

"When we train a professional, we have magnified our message. They then carry that information forward and find a way to embrace efficiency as a best business practice instead of a roadblock," said Kathy Nguyen, CCWS Senior Project Manager.

To learn more about the 2014 WaterSense Partner of the Year awards program, please visit <a href="https://www.epa.gov/watersense">www.epa.gov/watersense</a>.

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WaterSense, a partnership program sponsored by EPA, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services. Since the program's inception in 2006, WaterSense has helped consumers save 757 billion gallons of water and \$14.2 billion in water and energy bills.