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Hydro Research Foundation Announces First Partners for the Hydro Fellowship Program

Washington, D.C. (November 21, 2011) - Today the Hydro Research Foundation (HRF) announced three initial partners for the Foundation's Hydro Fellowship Program.

Knight Piésold and Company, the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Weir American Hydro have all stepped forward as partners.

"By pledging their support to the Fellowship program, these companies demonstrate a tremendous amount of leadership. The program creates interest at the university level for hydropower, trains future leaders of the industry, and advances the body of knowledge the industry relies upon. Their partnership with the HRF will ensure the long-term sustainability of the Program for generations of bright and passionate students," said HRF Executive Director Linda Church Ciocci.

The Fellowship Program was created through a four-year, $3 million grant by the Department of Energy's Wind and Waterpower Technologies Program.

The Fellowship Program awards Hydro Fellowships to graduate-level students. To date, the Foundation has supported 23 students at 15 universities. The Foundation has created partnerships designed to aid support students' education, create internship opportunities, and provide travel assistance to the HydroVision International conference.

The Foundation is actively seeking to continue building the Fellowship Program partnerships. Organizations interested in supporting this vital program should contact Brenna Vaughn (brenna@hydrofoundation.org).
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The HRF was established in 1994 and became an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in 1996. The Foundation aims to facilitate research and promote educational opportunities related to hydropower. For more information about the Program visit http://www.hydrofoundation.org