

**Utilities Bureau
Florida Water Environment Association
Wastewater Collection System Award**

The City of Fort Lauderdale Utilities Bureau was recently named the winner of the 2013 Wastewater Collection System Award by the Florida Water Environment Association, at its Annual Florida Water Resources Conference. The City competed with other statewide public and private utilities. The City was recognized for stellar performance and professionalism.

The selection committee reviewed the City's entry which was the response to the August 18, 2011 failure that occurred on one of the main influent pipes into George T. Lohmeyer Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The spill was quickly contained due to the knowledge and experience of Utilities wastewater collection staff. Similar incidents occurred in neighboring Cities and Counties, while their response was measured in weeks, the City was able to control this situation in 20 hours. This effort saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in property damage.

In less than one day, the Public Works Distribution and Collection Division was presented with its largest pipe failure to date, tested the resolve of its staff, and registered one of its greatest successes.