

ROWE Employee Promotes Public Works Careers to Students

ROWE Senior Project Manager Douglas P. Skylis, PE, recently joined with fellow American Public Works Association-Michigan Chapter (APWA-MI) members for an exciting experience with educating students about the public works profession.

On April 25, middle and high school students from the west side of Michigan attended a miCareerQuest event at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. The exhibit floor was divided into four areas, each containing people providing information about a different job field. APWA-MI members were located in the construction section; the fields of information technology, health sciences, and advanced manufacturing were represented in other sections of the exhibit area.

"The nearly 10,000 students were instructed to spend time in each section," explained Skylis, who is past president of APWA-MI. "During a short five-hour window, we had many opportunities to share a '10-second elevator speech' about public works as a career option. We attracted students to our area with three large snow plows, which we invited them to sign, a plow truck on which they could climb, and equipment simulators with which they could experience working in the industry. The time flew by and before we knew it, we had talked to hundreds of students with the hope of leaving a lasting impression on several of them."



Shown is just a quarter of the students who attended the event.

ROWE staff often take time to educate students of all ages about career opportunities including civil engineering, construction engineering, surveying, landscape architecture, planning, and aerial photogrammetry. Please contact us at 800-837-9131 if you would like a staff member to visit with your students.





Students sign a snow plow.