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# Washington Water Service's Carol Schlender Honored With Drinking Water Week Commitment to Excellence Award by State Department of Health

GIG HARBOR, Wash., May 10, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Water Quality Manager Carol Schlender of Washington Water Service (Washington Water) was presented with the Drinking Water Week Commitment to Excellence award by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) in a ceremony yesterday.

Drinking Water Week is an annual initiative of the American Water Works Association and is being observed May 6-12, 2018. The Drinking Water Week Commitment to Excellence award is given to an individual water system or operator each year by the Washington DOH for efforts to provide safe and reliable drinking water to customers.

Schlender, nominated by DOH's Office of Drinking Water, won the award for her attention to detail, dedication to staying on top of drinking water regulations, and meticulous record-keeping, according to the agency.

"We are committed to providing quality, service, and value to our customers and communities, and one way we deliver that is to have employees who are experts in their fields and dedicated to this promise," said Martin A. Kropelnicki, President and CEO of Washington Water. "I am proud that Carol has been recognized with this honor by the Department of Health, as she works tirelessly to ensure our customers continue to have a clean, safe water supply that meets all federal and state water quality standards."

Washington Water serves 16,800 customer connections in nearly 200 water systems throughout the state. One of the largest regulated water utilities in the state, Washington Water (as Harbor Water and South Sound Utilities) has provided water service there since 1970. Washington Water is a subsidiary of California Water Service Group (NYSE:CWT). Additional information may be obtained online at [www.wawater.com](http://www.wawater.com).