## US State Department Recognizes Floating Islands as Top 6 Innovative Water Technologies

BioHaven® Floating Island technology, also called floating treatment wetlands (FTW), was recently recognized at "USTech H2.O," a half-day event held on Friday, March 21 in Washington, DC in celebration of World Water Day. The stars of the show were 28 game-changing water technologies, developed by Americans, selected by an independent panel of experts, and presented at the Department of State. These technologies included pioneering approaches to water treatment, purification, pumping, monitoring, testing, energy and nutrient recovery, and water plant design. Our Floating Island technology was included among the Top Six technology providers.

The event featured remarks by Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Catherine Novelli, who highlighted the linkage between the availability of clean water, climate change, and economic prosperity. Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Dr. John Holdren addressed the importance of innovation in conserving and purifying water, as well as the inextricable link between water, energy, and climate change. Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Dr. Kerri-Ann Jones delivered opening remarksfor the event. Charles Fishman, author of "The Big Thirst," spoke about technological ingenuity in the water sector and moderated the technology portion of the event. Also speaking at the event were the U.S. Water Partnership's Chair, Hattie Babbitt, John Spears from the Small Business Administration, and two American "WASH for Life" grantees.

BioHaven® FTWs are an innovative environmental solution that "biomimics" nature's wetlands. Providing the ecosystem benefits of wetlands, these floating wetlands remove unwanted nutrients and pollutants without added chemicals. Beneath the surface of our islands, there is a frenzy of microbial activity in the biofilm that reduces nitrates, phosphorus, ammonia, total soluble solids and heavy metals.



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