

# Global Spotlight

## ***New membrane type developed***

A chemical engineering professor at The University of Texas at Austin is part of a team that has developed a chlorine-tolerant membrane made of sulfonated copolymers, for which a patent has been filed. Professor Benny Freeman worked primarily with James E. McGrath of Virginia Tech University and Ho Bum Park of the University of Ulsan in South Korea for more than three years to develop the membrane. The new technology should simplify the water desalination process, increasing access to fresh water and possibly reducing greenhouse gases.

## ***FDA program for scientists, engineers launched***

FDA launched a two-year fellowship

[commissionersfellowships/default.htm](#) for full details.

## ***McDermott named Grundfos distributor***

The A.I. McDermott Company of Oshkosh, WI has been appointed as the authorized stocking Grundfos Pumps submersible motor distributor for Wisconsin. Since 2007, McDermott has exclusively stocked Grundfos' MS4000 four-inch large submersible motor line and in August, began stocking six-inch MS6000 series submersible motors from 10 hp through 40 hp. The combination of both series will allow McDermott to supply needed motors for large residential, commercial, municipal, irrigation and farm applications requiring water systems that supply from 25 to over 1,000 gpm.