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The United States Conference of Mayors is the official non-partisan organization of cities with each city represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor.

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Local government has a leading role in providing safe, adequate and affordable water and sewer services in American cities, spending more than $144 billion in 2020 on operations and capital investment. We have come a long way since the first decade of the 1900s when the first large scale municipal water providers like Jersey City, NJ began treating drinking water with chlorine to reverse a growing public health crisis caused by viral infection from drinking water and high levels of death from cholera and other ailments. The World Health Organization (WHO) identifies the following diseases and conditions related to drinking water with virus contamination: cholera, diarrhea, typhoid, amebiasis, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, giardiasis, campylobacteriosis, scabies, and worm infections. The chlorine treatment worked in 1900 and many years later in the 1970s the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was established and in subsequent years was given broad authority to protect water resources and water consumers. Local government is ultimately the responsible party to achieve those goals when they operate drinking water and wastewater utilities.

The role of local government in providing water and sewer utility services has grown significantly over the last 40 years, as well as the size of the population served by the cities and systems. Normal challenges to operations and capital investment include natural disasters, man-made disasters, and national economic turmoil. Modern challenges include cybersecurity and compliance with ever growing federal and state regulation to achieve national goals while still being responsible for local services at an affordable price to their constituents.

The United States Conference of Mayors Water Council (MWC) was established in 1995 to bring mayors together to discuss the growing complexity of population growth and service expansion, a continually changing regulatory compliance framework, and a need to access capital for water infrastructure investment. Due to the many moving parts of staying successful in providing water and sewer services the MWC cast a wide net to bring the mayors together with organizations involved in the water sector to share best practices and policy perspectives. The organizations featured in this directory are part of the Water Development Advisory Board (WDAB), a select group of innovators and subject matter experts that participate in discussions with mayors and their staff on practices and policies.

The Mayors Water Council (MWC) provides a forum for discussions of issues impacting how cities provide safe, adequate and affordable water and wastewater services and infrastructure in America’s cities in the 21st Century. It is open to all Mayors, and functions as a USCM Task Force. The MWC focuses on water resources issues, including: watershed management; water supply planning; infrastructure financing; rehabilitation of surface and subsurface water infrastructure; water conservation; wetlands construction and education programs; water system program management and asset management. The MWC will continue to develop nonpartisan local government positions on Federal legislation, regulations and policy. The MWC works with the USCM Environment Committee, and other Committees as appropriate, to propose and adopt resolutions on water related matters that benefit the nation’s cities.
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A subsidiary of Veolia group, Veolia North America (VNA) offers a full spectrum of water, waste and energy management services, including water and wastewater treatment, commercial and hazardous waste collection and disposal, energy consulting and resource recovery. VNA helps commercial, industrial, healthcare, higher education and municipality customers throughout North America. Headquartered in Boston, Mass., Veolia North America has more than 10,000 employees working at more than 350 locations across the continent.

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Summary: From our inception more than 100 years ago, the Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association (DIPRA) has provided accurate, reliable and essential engineering information about cast iron – and now Ductile iron – pipe to a wide variety of utilities and consulting engineers. Because Ductile iron pipe is the best answer to America’s water infrastructure needs, DIPRA’s mission is to help citizens, decision-makers and professional engineers understand and appreciate the many advantages that Ductile iron pipe offers to water and wastewater utilities and their customers. We invite consulting and utility engineers to take advantage of our many services, including our in-field regional engineers and technical staff.

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Plastics Pipe Institute

Summary: PPI is a not-for-profit trade association and is a proud member of the Mayors Water Council. PPI and MAB provide cities and utilities with technical information and case studies about HDPE, the best solution for potable water and wastewater piping systems. Properly designed and installed HDPE water systems are:

- Sustainable: have the lowest initial and lowest life-cycle costs and are lead-free and leak-free
- Resilient: protect the water system against corrosion, water hammer, freezing temperatures, hurricanes, ground movements and earthquakes. Corrosion costs US water utilities (Drinking water and sewer systems) about $80 billion per year (2018), up from $36 billion (2001). Also, HDPE distribution pipe had zero failures in the past 5 earthquakes in Chile, Christchurch, and Japan.

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Summary: The Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association was founded in 1971 as a non-profit organization and is the authoritative source of information on PVC water, sewer, and reclaimed water pipe and serves the engineering, regulatory, public health and standardization communities. Our mission is to promote use of longer-life, lower-maintenance, corrosion-proof PVC pipe in water and wastewater systems – for real sustainability, strength and long-term asset management. The Association offers free technical and engineering support for the design, installation and application of PVC piping systems. Attributes of PVC pipe include:

- Lowest break rate of all water pipe materials
- Safe, easy-to-install, and cost-effective
- Lowest independently verified life-cycle embodied energy
- 70 years of use in North America with in excess of 100+ years of confirmed service life
- Most commonly specified material for water and sewer projects
- Lowest environmental impacts and carbon footprint according to ISO 14040/14025 and NSF International

Utilities and public works directors can contact the PVC Pipe Association to discuss use of PVC pipe for their water and sewer systems whether for new developments or replacement.

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