

PARTNERING AGREEMENT
between
THE AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
and
THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) seek through this Agreement to establish a strong partnership between our organizations for the purpose of coordinating resources and working together to promote professional knowledge and enhanced investment in drinking water quality and supply.

We are committed to work together toward the following goals:

- Encourage a continuing dialog between AWWA and ACEC at the national, state, local, and international levels to advance water supply and water treatment science, education, technology, professional design services, and public and private investment in water infrastructure.
- Identify common interests relating to our involvement in the practice of water supply and water treatment engineering, and public investment in water infrastructure, including the use of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) as the preferred method of procurement of engineering services.
- Collaborate to improve public education and promote sound public policy regarding water supply and water treatment issues.
- Work to expand the network of professional development continuing education opportunities for AWWA and ACEC members.
- Help our members remain competitive in the marketplace by facilitating publications and other information exchange.

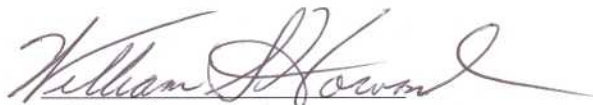
The effective period of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be five (5) years starting from the date of execution. In the event that both organizations desire to extend the effective period, it may be extended after mutual consultation and agreement.



Kathryn L. McCain
President, AWWA

4-10-05

Date



William S. Howard
Chairman, ACEC

4-10-05

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