

# Water Privatization

## Why Municipalities Are Turning to Private Water Solutions



### THE PROBLEM

Across the country, small and medium-sized publicly-owned water systems face mounting challenges—aging infrastructure, rising operational costs, and increasingly complex regulatory requirements. Limited resources make it difficult to retain qualified staff, invest in upgrades and maintain compliance with stringent state and federal drinking water standards.



### FINDING SOLUTIONS

### Municipal leaders are increasingly turning to private providers as trusted partners to:

**Relieve operational pressure:** Private providers are specialized in water and wastewater: It's all they do.

**Bring expertise:** The largest private water and wastewater providers together employ over **14,000 trained experts, scientists, engineers and technicians** with decades of experience and knowledge of the industry's best practices.

**Provide needed investment:** Over **\$5.8 billion** invested annually in the nation's community water systems by the 10 largest private water and wastewater providers.\*

**Ensure Compliance:** Research has demonstrated private providers have higher compliance rates and fewer health based violations.\*\*



### ADVANTAGES

A workforce built for excellence

Commitment to water quality and public health

Resources for tomorrow's challenges

### RESULTS

Partnering with private water providers means safer water, more reliable infrastructure, and a commitment to excellence for future generations to come.

#### References

\*Invested by U.S.A's 10 largest private water providers and reported in 10-K filings and annual reports to the SEC.

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