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## **GOVERNMENTS SEEK EFFICIENCIES TO MANAGE ASSETS**

*MacDill Air Force Base to sell water and wastewater facilities to  
Florida Governmental Utility Authority*

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) has been selected to acquire, repair, improve and operate the water and wastewater systems serving MacDill Air Force Base. The systems will be conveyed to FGUA as part of a Department of Defense program aimed at revitalizing aging utility system infrastructures at military installations.

According to the Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Energy Support Center, FGUA was selected following issuance of a competitive request for proposals to over 750 companies nationwide. A transition period for the MacDill acquisition is scheduled to take place through mid-March 2011, at which time FGUA will receive a bill of sale and take over operations. The process of acquiring ownership of these facilities is lengthy to ensure a thorough review of the actual facilities, equipment and inventory and their condition. FGUA will contract with US Water Services Corporation to operate the system. The total value of the contract over 50 years is \$200,716,544.

"Of course we're honored to have been selected to provide these critical services to the Central Command which is responsible for protecting U.S. security worldwide," said Robert Sheets, System Manager."

Last year, the FGUA acquired several privately held water systems in Pasco County. FGUA now owns a total of 9 systems in that county, providing water service to more than 21,000 customers and wastewater service to more than 12,000 customers. In total, FGUA's Pasco County systems deliver 5.7 million gallons per day (mgd) of drinking water and treat 1.5 mgd of wastewater. Aside from the Pasco facilities, FGUA operates water and wastewater facilities in Collier and Lee Counties. In total, the FGUA serves nearly 70,000 customers throughout Florida.

By comparison, the MacDill systems distribute approximately one million gallons of water per day and treat approximately 400,000 gallons of wastewater each day. Included in the system acquisition are one drinking water and one wastewater treatment plant.

"Governments of all sizes and at all levels are considering how to most efficiently and cost effectively operate their water and wastewater facilities," said Sheets. "Expanding FGUA with the MacDill system will allow us to leverage private sector economies of scale, while providing the experience and excellence of government services."

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority is a government entity that operates water and wastewater systems throughout Florida. FGUA routinely seeks the involvement and participation of local governments where it operates. The FGUA board is comprised of officials appointed to represent each of the member governments.

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