

# CITY OF TAUNTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP)

Taunton, Massachusetts

## CLIENT:

City of Taunton, Massachusetts

## PROJECT FEATURES:

- D/B/O procurement for major WWTP upgrade and the elimination of combined sewer overflows
- Proposals solicited using an RFP document having a unique "menu" approach
- Received proposals from seven private firms, with a base case and one or two alternatives offered per proposal
- ARI prepared the RFP and was responsible for all technical, financial and economic analyses
- ARI drafted all technical and financial contract exhibits, and actively participated in contract negotiations



ARI completed preparation of a request for proposals for either the long-term (20 years) contract operations, or sale or lease of the City's 9 MGD wastewater treatment plant and pump stations. The private contractor was to be responsible for financing, design and construction of capital improvements. This unique "menu" approach was used to provide the City with multiple proposals so that it could assess which approach and proposal would be most advantageous for the City.

The City also compared the private contract options to the existing City practices of short-term private operation with City ownership. Procedures and processes were structured to conform to both Executive Order 12803 and IRS regulations (Revenue Procedure 97-13).

Seven strong and competitive proposals were received from

national firms in December 1996. Proposal evaluation was completed in November 1997. ARI then assisted the City with contract negotiations. The final contract was executed in August 1998.

Because of highly restrictive state procurement laws, special legislation was required to facilitate the D/B/O procurement approach. The cooperation of the Mayor, Municipal Council, the Inspector General's office, the State Legislature and organized labor was required in developing and gaining approval of this unique legislation in August 1996.

Work commenced on this engagement in 1996, and ARI continues to serve as Contract Monitor for the City providing contract oversight, facilities monitoring, design review, construction monitoring, and financial advisory services.



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