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# News

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## **Infrastructure Management Group, Inc. selected to perform utility performance evaluation in Union County, NC**

**Washington, DC, August 21, 2007** – Infrastructure Management Group, Inc. (IMG) announced today that they will act as utility management consultant to the Union County Public Works Department in Union County, North Carolina. IMG will perform an assessment of the water and wastewater utility for the County.

Union County, NC (with a population of 175,000) is located in the southern piedmont of North Carolina. One of the key drivers of the project is the County's rapid population growth, which is ranked number one in both Carolinas and 15<sup>th</sup> in the United States. Service demands have stretched the organizational structure, business processes, and operating capacities of the Union County Public Works Department (UCPW) to its current limits.

IMG has been selected to perform an assessment of the utility, which includes an organizational evaluation, benchmarking utility performance against industry averages, evaluate its use of information technology and review of the current business practices. The output of the assessment will be a report that not only identifies the current operational performance, but will provide a detailed summary of implementation strategies.

“IMG’s demonstrated expertise and strong utility management experience will foster tremendous benefits to assist UCPW in identifying the most effective approaches to the issues at hand,” Mr. Mark Halleman, Vice President of IMG’s Local Service and Utilities Division stated. “IMG’s aim is to select and apply a range of options to establish the framework for utility business process and resource management improvement that will foster beneficial gains and continued progress at UCPW.”

UCPW is a local government utility enterprise providing over 36,000 customers in Union County with water, wastewater treatment, and solid waste disposal.

IMG is a full service consulting firm and a leading source of experience and effective methods in infrastructure finance and operations improvement. IMG has been acknowledged as a leader in providing valuable management strategies as well as innovative performance improvement service. IMG’s corporate motto, “**Bringing Business to Government,**” is a testament to both the demands of our times and IMG’s commitment to their clients’ public service goals.

IMG is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland with additional offices and affiliates in other North American cities. For more information, visit [www.imggroup.com](http://www.imggroup.com).

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