



World Bank Water & Waste Market Brief 2009

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The World Bank currently has committed over \$18 billion to its water sector portfolio for projects around the world. World Bank projects that closed between 2000 and 2004 improved access to WSS services for about 10 million people. Active World Bank lending for the water sector includes projects involving **hydropower**, **sanitation**, and **water resources management** that present exciting opportunities for U.S. businesses. The World Bank operates across the spectrum of public and private provision to help ensure efficient, affordable, and sustainable delivery of WSS services.

Hydropower is the world's largest source of affordable renewable energy; more than 90 percent of the unexploited economically feasible hydropower potential is in developing countries, with one-quarter of that potential in China. The World Bank portfolio of active hydropower projects is over US\$800 million, with numerous bidding opportunities for U.S. firms. For example, a recent tender arising from a World Bank project is valued at US\$3 million for the rehabilitation of the spillway at the Fierza (Albania) Dam with a bid date of October 2009. Consult the [Project Appraisal Document](#) to learn more about this project or contact the CS World Bank Liaison office for a copy of the tender notice.

Active World Bank projects for **sanitation and wastewater management** have reached a total of US\$4.3 billion. Much of this investment is in urban sewage and wastewater treatment in pursuit of environmental protection goal, including a waste water plant project in Belarus worth US\$7.5 million with a bid date on January, 2010. See the [Project Appraisal Document](#) to learn more about this opportunity or contact the CS World Bank Liaison office for a copy of the tender notice.

Effective **water resources management** and development are central to sustainable growth and poverty reduction and thus to the mission of the World Bank; with US\$3.1 billion in the water resources management to supports its client countries in the management and development of water resources infrastructure. Projects like the Second Lake Victoria management project worth US \$90million ([Project Appraisal Document](#)) are essential to this mission and present exciting opportunities for U.S. firms.

In addition to these active project opportunities, additional water sector projects will generate significant consulting and bid opportunities among other attractive business opportunities for U.S. companies. We look forward to working with you on discovering new opportunities for your company. Review the [Market Research Library](#) database and contact the U.S. Commercial Service Liaison Office at the World Bank to learn about these business opportunities or to take advantage of a free training course on how to find and bid on World Bank opportunities. <worldbank@mail.doc.gov>

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