

# Georgetown Sewerage and Water Supply System

GUYANA

SECTOR: Sanitation

PROJECT NAME: Remedial Maintenance for Georgetown Sewerage and Water Supply System  
(909/SF-GY)

TOTAL COST: \$15.0 million

FINANCING:

IDB	\$13.5 million
LOCAL	\$ 1.5 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: September 29, 1993

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objectives of this program are to effect a rapid and observable improvement in the availability and quality of water in Georgetown and to establish an efficient and autonomous water and sewerage firm. The project comprises the following four components: (a) remedial maintenance: rehabilitation of the Georgetown water distribution system and critical maintenance of the sewerage system, including improvement of the treatment and disinfection systems at the Shelter Belt Treatment Plant; (b) water meter installation and storage tanks: installation of water meters for all customers, installation of storage tanks in critical areas; (c) reform of the legal framework: implementation of legal and regulatory changes to achieve the operational autonomy of the executing agency, the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Commission (GS&WC), and adoption of a new tariff rate; and (d) institutional and financial strengthening of the executing agency.

CIVIL WORKS: The works required will include repair and replacement of well pumping equipment, installation of elevated water storage tanks, repair of leaks, installation of necessary

connections, replacement of deteriorated pipes, valves and meters, along with the installation of new water meters.

**CONSULTANTS:** Following publication in the Development Business in March of 1993 of an invitation for a "Consultancy Service Expression of Interest," a short list has been prepared for selecting a project management firm, which will be retained for four years to develop and execute a comprehensive "hands on" program designed to respond quickly to the physical and institutional needs of the Georgetown sewerage and water supply system. The firm will establish a "twinning arrangement" with the GS&WC and will be jointly responsible for the day-to-day operations, maintenance, major rehabilitation works, preparation of the framework for the institutional and financial strengthening component, and training activities for the GS&WC staff.

**GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:** The project management firm will prepare detailed descriptions and specifications of the materials and equipment to be acquired for the execution of the program. An initial package for acquisition of goods (for a total of \$2 million) is anticipated for a start up package, while a list of goods for up to \$3 million is expected to be ordered after completion of the Phase I work plan, and other goods will be required for rehabilitation works.

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