

Research Priorities for Successful Asset Management

WERF convened a workshop on March 21-22, 2002, for the purpose of characterizing the spectrum of [asset management programs](#) across public water and wastewater utilities and recommending a research agenda to promote the next generation of tools for reducing risk and improving competitiveness. WERF's goals for the workshop were to:

- Survey, examine, and document effective asset management approaches.
- Construct a view of the state of implementation of asset management and identify barriers to more broad-based implementation.
- Pinpoint where improved tools and technical approaches could enhance decision making, confidence, efficiency, communication, and results.
- Determine and distinguish differences between large and small utilities? approaches to asset management.
- Prepare a prioritized list of research initiatives to address the industry needs and develop a conceptual scope and budget for these research projects.

A recent WERF Subscriber Survey supports the view that asset management is a priority issue for utilities. Utility respondents ranked asset management 5th among 20 categories by priority, and sixty percent of respondents gave asset management a priority ranking of 1 or 2.

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