

**BAMI-I Elected Officers &
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**THE BURIED ASSET MANAGEMENT
INSTITUTE - INTERNATIONAL (BAMI-I)
IS A NON PROFIT CORPORATION WITH
ITS PURPOSES AS FOLLOWS:**

*To provide a center of excellence for
owners of underground water
infrastructure to join with industry and
researchers, using sound science, to
evaluate and /or develop buried asset
management protocols for application
worldwide to benefit ratepayers and other
stakeholders by:*

- A) Protecting public health*
- B) Improving the environment*
- C) Maximizing asset life-cycle value*
- D) Sustaining economic development*
- E) Enhancing the quality of life*

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BAMI-I HISTORY

The establishment of the Buried Asset Management Institute-International, Inc. (BAMI-I) was inspired by Atlanta's Mayor Shirley Franklin, "The Sewer Mayor." During her first year in office (2002), she made it clear that her vision was to move the City's water program beyond consent decree compliance to being "first-in-class." With tremendous courage, she took innovative actions to execute this vision. Over the years, she has not relaxed her commitment. In 2002, she formed the Department of Watershed Management (DWM), appointed Jack Ravan as commissioner; transferred the drinking water program from a privatization program into the DWM; and began implementing a program to address huge challenges.

During the latter part of 2002, Commissioner Ravan appointed Dr. Troy Norris as a senior advisor. In January 2003, Dr. Norris and Dr. Tom Iseley met with Commissioner Ravan to discuss ideas to accomplish the Mayor's vision. This discussion gave birth to what is known today as BAMI-I. For the first 1½ years, BAMI existed as an entity within the DWM with primary objective to assist the senior management team with investigating innovative approaches to overcoming the challenges in accomplishing the vision.

In June 2003, BAMI-I was formed as a non-profit organization. An interim Board of Directors (BOD) was elected with the first official BOD being inaugurated in December 2004 at the UIM Conference in Washington, DC. The first opportunity for BAMI-I to execute our plan will be on April 26-30, 2006 in Memphis, Tennessee at the 32nd Annual Convention of the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM).


BAMI-I is in the process of launching its first membership campaign. Even though BAMI-I

was initiated in February 2003, it has existed strictly as an all voluntary non-profit organization. It was decided to remain all voluntary until its program and deliverables were established. It is exciting to see how this unique organization has BAMI-I has evolved into a strong organization. BAMI-I's leadership is proud to be offering a full range of membership program. Annual membership options are Individual at \$100; Municipal at \$300; Corporate at \$500; and Charter at \$1,000.

BAMI-I GETS EPA GRANT

During the first quarter of 2005, BAMI-I received notice that EPA had issued an RFP for research proposal for a wide range of topics. Several topics related to asset management. BAMI-I leadership met with NAMS (National Asset Management Steering) Committee to discuss working together to submit a joint proposal for an EPA Cooperative Agreement. The BAMI-I/NAMS proposal was developed, submitted, selected, negotiated, and finalized. BAMI-I will serve as the contracting organization; and Paul Causey, NAMS, will serve as the project manager.

The purpose of the EPA Cooperative Agreement will be to conduct an assessment of the water utilities across the US to determine what structure should be established to assist utilities to progress on the pathway toward better utility management. This will involve establishing a water asset management clearing house and providing overall recommendations on required educational and training programs to support asset management principles and practices.


BAMI-I Chairman