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### At your service!

IAMU's Training & Office Complex serves the association's members, associates and affiliates with a state-of-the-art facility. The site includes a ten-acre training field, 11 acres of native Iowa prairie and an office building with numerous built-in energy saving features. The site serves as an example of both design efficiency and a showcase of natural resources.



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# Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities

Founded in 1947, and with more than 550 electric, gas, water and telecommunication municipal utilities in its membership, IAMU is one of the oldest – and largest – organizations of its kind.

## The mission of IAMU and its members:

Municipal utilities are Iowa's "Hometown Choice®." Community-owned, locally-controlled utilities exist to provide reliable service at not-for-profit rates.

### Other benefits of municipal utilities include:

- ◆ Low rates that keep more dollars working in the local economy.
- ◆ Reliable service backed by local service personnel, not distant phone banks.
- ◆ Local jobs for managers and service personnel, with payroll dollars that stay at home and leadership that energizes community organizations.
- ◆ Economies associated with the joint operation of city services.
- ◆ Rates and services that are a "yardstick" with which to measure the efficiency of other utilities.
- ◆ Opportunity for citizen input into the operation and goals of local utilities through elected city councils or appointed board of trustees.
- ◆ Accountability with open meetings and open, public records.

*Iowa's municipal utility customers enjoy some of the lowest utility rates in the nation!*



## IAMU Programs & Services

### Electrical Services

Member municipal electric utilities enjoy "inside" access to many timely programs and business options in this period of major transition in the electric industry in Iowa. IAMU's in-house training facilities offer electric utility members many educational opportunities, including the annual overhead and underground electric workshops.

### Gas Services

IAMU offers its member gas utilities assistance with system installation and upgrades and with compliance education. The APGA Midwest Regional Gas Operators Workshop is held each fall at IAMU's Training & Office Complex. Recent advances have resulted in national attention for IAMU's gas training programs.

### Water Services

IAMU provides assistance with analysis, maintenance, compliance, education and information for its more than 550 municipal water utility members. The annual Water and Wastewater Operators Workshop in November is always well-attended. Numerous water links can be found on the IAMU web site ([www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org)).

### Telecommunication Services

IAMU's member utilities involved in the growing arena of municipal telecommunication can obtain the latest legislative and technical information, advice on managing a system and professional contacts to assist with system development.

### Energy Services

IAMU provides energy efficiency services to member utilities, including assistance in the formation and implementation of energy efficiency programs, resource planning and a consumer publication for utility customers.

### Technical & Environmental Services

IAMU promotes engineering considerations and stewardship of natural resources, including support and resources for stormwater management programs. The annual Stormwater conference and other training assist conservationists, developers and contractors working with IAMU member cities in this area.



### Legislative & Regulatory

Through lobbying of the Iowa Legislature by IAMU representatives, the needs and concerns of Iowa's municipal utilities are presented to state lawmakers each session. Efforts are made to ensure that passage of any utility-related bills represents the best interests of IAMU's members.



### Job Training & Safety

IAMU maintains active safety committees and workshops for electric, gas and water utilities. IAMU Safety Clusters have been established throughout the state to bring current, effective job safety to local communities.



### Meetings and Workshops

IAMU offers an annual general membership conference, regional meetings and individual workshops which cover a wide variety of topics. Member city and utility employees receive valuable training, certifications required for their jobs and the chance to network with peers and industry professionals.



### Insurance Programs

The IAMU Safety Group Insurance Program offers competitive, comprehensive insurance to members. IAMU also endorses a fully funded health and life insurance program.



### IPAIT

Member cities and their utilities are eligible to participate in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust (IPAIT). IPAIT is an investment alternative for public funds. Contact WB Capital Management, Inc. at 800/872-4024.



### Drug & Alcohol Testing

IAMU provides assistance to its members regarding compliance with Federal drug and alcohol testing requirements through the Drug & Alcohol Testing Alliance (DATA) program.



### Member Communication

Through a number of tools, including a weekly electronic newsletter, web site and annual meetings, IAMU keeps its members informed of important news and issues.

