

water manufacturing industry in a timely, cost-effective way.

The incentives may be categorized as technical assistance and financial assistance.

The nature of the technical assistance will be critical. It must be sufficient to enable the water agency whether public or private to evaluate alternative courses of action and to establish performance specifications to provide assurance of a reliable water supply to the agency and the water users. However, in other than prototype R&D plants, it should not be extended to include engineering design, detailed plans and other engineering and construction services normally provided by the consulting engineering and construction industries.

Likewise, the extent and nature of financial assistance must be carefully defined. Additional capital costs attributable to first-of-a-kind construction as well as initial operating and operator training costs would appear to be justifiable. In general, no application should be approved which would not, after reasonable adjustment for first-of-a-kind type of costs, be otherwise the most practicable alternative.