

## Biographical Information—Craig D. Pedersen

Mr. Pedersen is the Texas Water leader for the URS Corporation. He is the former Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the state water data, planning, and infrastructure finance agency. In that position he established innovative regional and statewide water resource planning programs and led the production of multiple state and regional water supply plans. These planning efforts included the 1992, 1997 and 2002 Texas State Water Plans and a number of other of regional planning efforts for Texas' major metropolitan areas. These efforts typically involved extensive technical issues ranging from competing demands for water use between communities within the state and regions, human and environmental purposes, water rights and water availability analyses, infrastructure evaluations and extensive public participation. He participated in the legislative creation of a local infrastructure initiative to assist Texas' disadvantage communities program (the so-called *Colonias* Program). He later led the effort to implement that legislation, which included working with local governments, federal agencies and international organizations to plan for and finance water and wastewater infrastructure for disadvantaged communities throughout Texas. While at the TWDB, Mr. Pedersen was an active participant in the planning and financing of many local water and wastewater projects throughout Texas—more than \$4 Billion in projects serving hundreds of Texas communities and projects including reservoirs, treatment plants, major pipelines and local distribution and collection systems. He was also active in the development of legislation and constitutional amendments for innovative financing programs. With URS, he has continued his involvement in water planning and development as a principal, project manager and task leader on numerous surface and groundwater projects, including two major conjunctive use projects, local groundwater district management, regional seawater desalination, and local infrastructure development efforts.