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GZA GeoEnvironmental Awarded Contract for Engineering Repair on Six Massachusetts Dams

NORWOOD MA, ISSUED FEBRUARY 19, 2010...GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., one of the area's leading environmental and geotechnical consulting firms, has been retained by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) to provide engineering design and repair services on six of the Commonwealth's reservoir dam structures.

GZA is the prime engineering firm for the \$1.5 million design contract to provide engineering assessment, final design and construction phase services for upgrades to six of the MWRA's secondary water supply dams located throughout the metro Boston region. The most notable safety modification will occur at Foss (No. 3) Reservoir Dam in Framingham, MA, where the 100-year-old structure will be retrofitted with a 7 foot high, concrete reinforced fuse gate required to safely pass the spillway design flood. To provide protection against overtopping under design flood conditions at Foss Dam as well as at Weston Reservoir Dam, GZA will embarked on a design to raise the dams through a combination of earth fill and concrete parapet wall structures. Other design repairs are planned for Sudbury Dam and Wachusett Open Channel Dam, both located in Southborough, as well as Waban and Chestnut Hill Reservoir Dams in Newton. The repairs to those dams are slated to occur in 2011. The improvements at the Foss Reservoir Dam in Framingham and the Weston Reservoir Dam in Weston are scheduled for completion in 2013.

Peter Baril, P.E., Principal at GZA, will serve as Prime Engineer and Jonathan Andrews, P.E. as Project Manager for this dam safety repair project. GZA has frequently worked with the MWRA to provide inspection, design and construction phase services at a number of their other water supply dams located throughout the Commonwealth. GZA most recently completed spillway and dike embankment improvements to Wachusett Dam (Clinton, MA).

"We are pleased to work with MWRA in maintaining the integrity of these important public structures," said William R. Beloff, President and CEO of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. "These dams were originally built as early as 1870 and their structural integrity is important to ensure public safety, flood control and the protection of the area's water supply. Peter and his team have extensive experience in dam engineering projects and have taken the lead in dam safety across the region."

About GZA

Founded in 1964, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. is a multi-disciplined firm providing environmental consulting, geotechnical and geo-civil engineering, environmental remediation, regulatory compliance, litigation support, air quality, solid waste services, specialty construction, occupational health and safety, and site development services. GZA maintains corporate offices at One Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA 02062. The firm has 550 employees and operates 24 offices in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes Regions of the United States. For additional information, please call William R. Beloff, CEO at 781-278-3801 or visit the company's website at www.gza.com.