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At the Annual Conference of the Ohio Section of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) held this week in Columbus, OH, the City of Hamilton’s Water won the “Best of the Best” Water Taste Test, as the best tasting municipal water in the State of Ohio. The City of Hamilton Water was selected from a total of ten entries in this year’s statewide competition.

By winning the Ohio “Best of the Best” Water Taste Test, the City of Hamilton will represent Ohio at the seventh annual “Best of the Best” Water Taste Test, to be held in June 2011, in Washington, D.C., at the AWWA’s Annual Conference and Exposition.

This is the second major award received by the City of Hamilton Water System in 2010. In February of 2010, the City of Hamilton received the Gold Medal for the Best Tap Water in the World at the 20th Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting, in Berkeley Springs, WV. The Berkeley Springs competition, the oldest and largest water tasting competition in the world, with entrants from across the globe, is aptly known as the Olympics of Water.

The AWWA is the authoritative resource for knowledge, information and advocacy to improve the quality and supply of water in North America and beyond. The AWWA is the largest organization of water professionals in the world. AWWA advances public health, safety and welfare by uniting the efforts of the full spectrum of the entire water community. Through its collective strength, AWWA members become better stewards of water for the greater good of the people and the environment. The Ohio Section of the AWWA was created to support the AWWA in its role as the leading force in the world dedicated to safe drinking water.

The City obtains its water from the Great Miami Aquifer, one of the finest sources of water in North America. The City employs 21 deep wells to draw the water from the aquifer and treats the water, utilizing chlorine dioxide disinfectant, at two water treatment facilities, to produce its excellent tasting tap water. Most other water utilities use chlorine rather than chlorine dioxide in their disinfectant process, making Hamilton fairly unique in its treatment method.

In response to the receipt of earlier awards, the City of Hamilton began a limited commercial water bottling production of its water last year. The City has invested in smallscale bottling equipment and has expanded this limited commercial operation this year. Bottled water produced by the City, currently, is primarily used for marketing and promotional purposes at local, regional and national events and not as a competitive, forprofit venture.

The City of Hamilton owns and operates all four of the primary utilities in the City, including electric (generation, transmission and distribution), natural gas (distribution), water (production and distribution) and water reclamation (collection and treatment) systems. The City continues to be one the lowest cost providers of all utility services in the Region and the State.