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Of course, not every partnership is 35 years long or includes a total design-build-operate offering, but during the past six months, CH2M HILL OMI has won an impressive series of new contracts and renewals, including:

- Vienna, Georgia: Building on a partnership that has prospered for more than a decade, the city selected CH2M HILL OMI to continue operating and maintaining its 1.5-million-gallon-per-day wastewater treatment facility and associated services for another 15 years.
- Live Oak, Florida: The city signed a five-year contract, with a five-year automatic renewal, for its water and wastewater facilities, which CH2M HILL OMI has managed since 1997.
- Dallas, Oregon: CH2M HILL OMI began providing management services for the 3.4-mgd wastewater plant in 2006; this fall, the city expanded the partnership to include complete operations and management services for three years.
- Farmington, New Mexico: The city signed an eight-year contract with CH2M HILL OMI for its 10- and 20-mgd surface water filtration plants and associated systems and its wastewater system, which includes a 6.67-mgd plant and 15 lift stations, renewing a partnership that began in 2000.
- Yuma, Arizona, Desalting Plant: The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation awarded the company a one-year, $4.5 million contract to provide management, planning, supervision, administration, engineering and other activities for the plant and associated facilities.

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