

**Aurel Arndt**  
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**General Manager, Chief Financial Officer**  
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Aurel Arndt is General Manager and Chief Financial Officer of the Lehigh County Authority and is the Authority’s chief executive officer. He is responsible for all aspects of water and wastewater service to 20,000 customers in 15 municipalities in Lehigh and Northampton counties in Pennsylvania. The Lehigh County Authority is a non-profit, public agency founded in 1966 by the County of Lehigh and is governed by a seven-member board of directors appointed by the county.

Mr. Arndt holds a master’s degree in Business Administration from Lehigh University and a bachelor of science degree from Ursinus College. He joined the Authority in 1974 and has held several positions during his tenure, including that of Business Manager and Assistant General Manager.

He is chair of the American Water Works Association’s (AWWA’s) Water Utility Council, which sets federal policy for the association. In addition, he is past Chair of the Pennsylvania AWWA Section (PA-AWWA) and a member and past Chair of the PA-AWWA Water Utility Council; and a past Chair of the AWWA Economics Technical Advisory Workgroup.

Mr. Arndt served as representative for AWWA on EPA’s National Drinking Water Advisory Committee Workgroup on State Revolving Loan Funds. He has received AWWA’s George Warren Fuller award for distinguished service to the water supply field and the PA-AWWA Samuel Baxter award for outstanding service and leadership in the water supply field. He has also chaired two steering committees for AWWA studies on Financing Water Infrastructure and use of Private Activity Bonds to finance water infrastructure.

Established in 1881, AWWA is the oldest and largest non-profit, scientific and educational organization dedicated to safe and sustainable water in the world. With more than 50,000 members worldwide and 43 Sections in North America, AWWA advances public health, safety and welfare by united the efforts of the entire water community.

Mr. Arndt is past President and Regional Director of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA); Chair of its legislative committee (administration); and served on various standing and ad hoc committees. He is a recipient of PMAA’s William H. Markus Award of Excellence for distinguished service to the municipal authorities of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Sahli Service Award and Extended Service Award.

He is a past member of the Executive Board of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada and past chair of its Debt & Fiscal Policy Committee. From 1988 through 1990, he served as the representative of water and wastewater utilities on the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority ("PennVest"). He is also a past member of the Governor's Local Government Advisory Committee. He has served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Water Resources Association of the Delaware River Basin. He is a member of the Leadership Council and Organizing Committee of Renew Lehigh Valley, a diverse regional group focusing on improving community services and the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley. He also chaired the Lehigh Valley Partnership's Water and Wastewater Regional Coordinating Council, which evaluated cooperative, regional service approaches for the two-county Lehigh Valley region. He is a former member and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Municipal Investment Program, a municipal cash management and investment program for Pennsylvania municipalities and authorities. He also served as a board member and Chair of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, a statewide municipal pension program, for nine years.