The City of Fort Worth Water Department strives to provide its residents and visitors with excellent service, while making sure taxpayer money is well spent. Water Management, Inc.’s (WMI) reputation as a leading water conservation company led the City to subcontract WMI to find unique ways to decrease the annual water expense of hundreds of ICI users through their SmartWater Audit program. At one of the ICI sites surveyed, The First Command Financial Center (occupied by First Command Financial Services, Inc.), WMI identified many ways to reduce water consumption that were later implemented to greatly reduce water consumption.

First Command is a financial services company that was founded in 1958 with the goal of improving the financial well-being of American military families. The First Command Financial Center in Fort Worth, TX is comprised of two office buildings and a parking structure.

The primary water using features that were modified following the audit were those which could provide a large savings opportunity at the lowest cost. The changes included: 1) A variety of fixture retrofits: faucets, aerators, and showerheads 2) Changes to the cooling towers: optimized cooling tower set point from 700 to 1,000, and two more efficient chillers were purchased 3) Basic modification to the irrigation system: replaced 25 irrigation spray heads with low flow versions.

The above mentioned resulted in over a one-million gallon per year water savings since the changes were implemented last year.