

Community Involvement Award

Purpose To recognize public works leaders who are also leaders in their community. To encourage public works professionals to become active leaders in their community. To ensure public trust in public works professionals through recognition of outstanding community leadership.

Eligibility Candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an active member of APWA.
2. Be an active leader in the community, demonstrated through volunteering significant time and/or personal resources to work with charitable organizations, educational organizations, health organizations, community service groups, and/or has participated in significant community projects or programs which improve the quality of life in the community.

(Service to community groups that do not encourage multi-cultural, gender, or religious diversity—or are politically oriented, are not deemed appropriate for meeting the purpose of this criteria.)

3. Provide a positive role model for other public works professionals.

Nomination Process Nominations may be made by an APWA chapter, individual APWA members, community organization, or public agency. Documentation or verifiable evidence of both professional recognition and community leadership must be included with the nomination form.

Selection The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects no more than two (2) candidates annually for receipt of the award. The Awards Committee may seek the advice and council of the Leadership and Management Committee in making its determination. The award need not be given in any year that the Awards Committee or Board of Directors deems that there are insufficient nominations to create meaningful competition or where there are no outstanding candidates.

Deadline March 3, 2008

Presentation The winner(s) is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APWA International Public Works Congress and Exposition. An additional presentation may be made to the recipient(s) in his/her community. Award recipients will also be featured in a news release in the community and in APWA's publications and newsletters.

Former Recipients

2007	Richard P. Merson, Director of Public Works, Needham, MA
2006	Daniel F. Moretti, Public Works Director, Village of Pinecrest, FL
2005	Judith H. Grant, Financial Services Administrator, Department of Public Works, City of Newport News, VA
2004	Ronald F. Ribaric, Assistant Project Manager, Orange County Public Works, FL
2003	Dennis Walaker, Director of Operations, City of Fargo, ND
2002	Richard C. Keeney, Public Works Director, City of Punta Gorda, FL
2001	Ron Ford, Park Department Superintendent, City of Aurora, IL
2000	Barbara J. Huner, Public Works Director, City of Longmont, CO Dan Mikkelson, City Engineer, City of Salisbury, NC