

# Professional Manager of the Year Award Facilities and Grounds

**Purpose** The Facilities and Grounds Professional Manager of the Year Award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of facilities and/or grounds management professionals. The focus of this award is the recognition of exceptional leadership and management in the field of facilities and/or grounds.

**Eligibility** Individual candidates must be APWA members with primary responsibility in the management of public facilities and/or grounds. Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in the management of public facilities and/or grounds. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Facilities and Grounds Committee members are not eligible.

**Career Length** Candidates with a minimum of 10 years of qualifying experience may be nominated.

**Selection** The award winner is selected by a panel of judges appointed by the APWA President. Membership of the panel represents the public works field and other agencies with an active interest in the public works profession.

**Criteria** The criteria used in the selection process include:

**Profession** Significant contributions to the advancement of facilities and grounds management.

**Leadership** Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of facilities and grounds management.

**Innovation** Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of facilities and grounds management.

**Agency Service** Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of facilities and grounds operations.

**Customer Service** Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.

**Community Service** Promotion of the field of facilities and grounds management in the community, agency or customers served.

**Nomination Process** Any governmental entity, group, or individual may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Original submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate's professional work. Six copies of the submittal are required. These materials should be sent to APWA National. Materials submitted for supporting documentation will not be returned.

**Deadline** March 3, 2008

**Presentation** The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APWA International Public Works Congress and Exposition and featured in APWA's publications.

**Former Recipients** **2007** Kerstin G. von der Heide, Village Forester, Village of Downers Grove, IL

**2005** Mary Ann Summerfield, Director, Parks and Recreation, City of Tulsa, OK