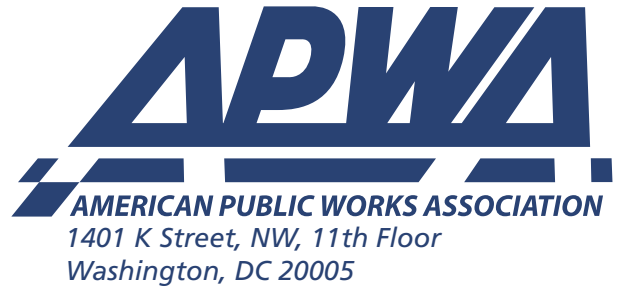


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APWA receives funding from US EPA to Promote Environmental Management

Washington, D.C. – The American Public Works Association (APWA) is pleased to announce that it is receiving a \$112,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Wastewater Management. Funding will be used to continue supporting APWA’s efforts in partnership with US EPA and the International City / County Management Association to conduct education and outreach on Environmental Management Systems (EMS).

“APWA is delighted to continue this partnership with EPA and ICMA,” said Peter King, APWA executive director. “Unlike other approaches to environmental protection, EMSs have a long-lasting, sustainable impact for a broad range of interested parties including local governments, other public agencies and tax payers.”

An EMS is a set of management processes and procedures allowing organizations to analyze, control and reduce the environmental impact of their activities, products and services, as well as operate with greater efficiency and control. Any public agency, regardless of size or structure, can implement an EMS.

“A number of public works agencies around the country have successfully adopted EMSs for their operations and we hope to use their successes to make EMS an integral part of other agencies around the country,” said Jim Horne, Office of Wastewater Management, US EPA. “APWA’s leadership, as embodied in the partnership with EPA, will help to make this a reality.”

As part of EMS education and outreach campaign, APWA, ICMA and US EPA will host two national EMS webcasts, a series of EMS sessions at chapter and regional conferences and three peer-based training workshops. Information about future programming will be available on the APWA website at www.apwa.net. For more information about EMS and the partnership between APWA and EPA, contact Megan Zadecky, mzadecky@apwa.net or (202) 218-6712.

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 27,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, and has an office in Washington, D.C.

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