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The APWA Awards Program was established to recognize outstanding individuals, groups, and chapters representing the best in the public works profession. By recognizing professional contributions, public works professionals promote an atmosphere of mutual respect and provide a way to grow and achieve. This information is intended to provide you with details on each APWA award, its purpose, eligibility requirements, deadlines and nomination forms.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the awards administrator at 816-472-6100 or rwilhite@apwa.net.
MEMBER AWARDS
2017 APWA

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 participating in significant community projects or programs which improve the quality of life in the community. Address how the nominee’s community service contributions had an impact on implementing sustainable solution, environmentally, economically and/or socially.

(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.

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 deems that there are insufficient nominations to create meaningful competition or where there are no outstanding candidates.

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.

Deadline
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
The winner(s) is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients
2015 Carl Schoedel, P.E., County Engineer, Kane County, IL, Division of Transportation
2014 David L. Derrick, Director of Public Works and Engineering, City of Kissimmee, FL
2013 Dean Bayer, P.E., Project Manager, City of San Antonio, TX
Rick Ellerton, Environmental Engineer, City of Fitchburg, WI
2012 Donald D. Jacobovitz, P.E., Director of Public Works, Putnam County, FL
2011 James J. Proce, Director of Public Works/Development, City of Rowlett, TX
2010 Linda Petelka, B.Sc., Manager, Wastewater Program Planning Section, Region of Peel, ON
2009 Sharyn L. Fox, Municipal Program Manager, Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP, Newport News, VA
2008 Eric K. Dargan, Deputy Director, Right-of-Way and Fleet Maintenance Div., City of Houston, TX
2007 Richard P. Merson, Director of Public Works, Needham, MA

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD
CHARLES WALTER NICHOLS AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

Purpose
This award was established in 1951 by Charles Walter Nichols of Nichols Engineering Research Corporation to recognize outstanding and meritorious achievement in the environmental field in its broadest sense. This may include, but is not limited to, street sanitation, refuse collection, disposal and recycling, sewers and sewage treatment, water supply, and water treatment.

Eligibility
Individual candidates must be APWA members and employed full-time by a public agency.

Selection
Selection is based upon a paper or description of an operation, administration of a function, or design of a facility in the field, which reveals originality of thought and aggressiveness of execution by the candidate. The ideas developed or designed must have been put into practical use and answer sustainable needs and solutions within the agency in which the candidate is employed. This can also include individuals who improve industry practices and encourage sustainability. These methods may include, but aren’t limited to: introducing novel water treatment practices that reduce water usage and water waste; practices that reduce energy use and waste; replacing existing equipment with longer lasting or renewable materials.

Nomination Process
Nominations may be made by an APWA chapter or member of APWA. Submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation.

Deadline
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

2016  Daniel Nix, Utilities Operations Manager, City of Wichita Falls, TX

2014  Vicki V. Quiram, P.E., PWLF, Env-SP, Assistant Commissioner, New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services, Concord, NH

2013  Klayton Eckles, Engineering and Public Works Deputy Director/City Engineer, City of Woodbury, MN

2012  Thomas E. Kunetz, Assistant Director of Engineering, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, IL

2011  David Sherman, Director, Department of Public Works, City of Indianapolis, IN

2010  David Joseph “D.J.” Señeres, P.E., Stormwater Program Manager, City of Archdale, NC

2008  Rick Person, Project Manager, City of Saint Paul, MN

2007  Charles Hardt, Director of Public Works, City of Tulsa, OK
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO PUBLIC WORKS AWARD

Purpose
To promote and enhance the purposes of APWA. This award is regarded as the highest honor that APWA can bestow on a member. Candidates must be persons who would reflect prestige and honor upon APWA.

Background
This award may be presented in recognition of acknowledged service and well-established preeminence in the field of public works.

Eligibility
APWA membership is required and candidates must have a minimum of 10 years continuous membership. National Board members and past presidents of APWA must be out of office at least five years before being eligible for this award.

Selection
The criteria used in the selection process include:
- Significant contributions in the field of public works
- Demonstrated leadership at the chapter and national level.
- Ongoing commitment to advancing the profession, public works awareness and APWA goals

The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winner(s).

Nomination Process
Candidates must be nominated by a chapter or any one or more members of the APWA Board of Directors.

Submissions are limited to 20 pages. The 20 pages do not include a letter of introduction from the chapter/nominator or the nomination form.

Deadline
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
The winner(s) is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients
2014  R. Mark DeVries, PWLF, Superintendent, McHenry County Highway Dept., Woodstock, IL
2013  Mike DeGiacomo, Deceased, Streets, Traffic and Drainage Maintenance Superintendent, City of Oklahoma City, OK
2009  James W. Harrod, Public Works Consultant, Pittsburgh, PA
2008  Ric Robertshaw, P.Eng. Director, Wastewater Division, Region of Peel, Brampton, Ontario
DONALD C. STONE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Purpose

Established in honor of Donald C. Stone, founder of APWA, to recognize outstanding and meritorious achievement of individuals assisting in the areas of continuing and graduate professional education for public works professionals. This award, established in 1988, is also intended to recognize APWA chapters for their work in delivering educational opportunities for all levels of persons engaged in the delivery of public works services.

Eligibility

This award recognizes both individuals and chapters. Individual candidates must be APWA members, and chapter candidates must have active educational programs.

Selection

The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

Nomination Process

1. **Individual candidates**  Must be nominated by a member of APWA. It is the responsibility of the candidate to furnish supporting documentation.

2. **Chapter candidates**  Must submit supporting documentation that outlines the goals and objectives of the chapter’s educational programs and accomplishments in the previous calendar year. When a chapter is selected for this award, it must wait three years before submitting the same educational program, at which time documentation should show how that program has significantly improved.

Submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation.

Deadline

March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation

The awards are presented at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

2016  New England Chapter
2015  James H. Grothaus, P.E., Senior Director of Technical Assistance and Customized Training, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
2014  Scott A. Smith, P.E., LS, Senior Design/Construction Project Manager, Norfolk Public Works, City of Norfolk, VA
       San Diego-Imperial Counties Chapter
2013  Matt Dolan, Public Works Operations Specialist, City of West Des Moines, IA
       Texas Chapter, Rio Grande Valley Branch
2012  Ann Johnson, P.E., Director, Construction Management Program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
       Kansas City Metro Chapter
2011  Tom Collins, Deputy Director of Public Works, Town of Natick, MA
       Kathleen Schaefer, CTAP Instructor, Minnesota DOT
2010  Philip Kuchler, P.E. CFM, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Warrenville, IL
2009  Michael Marti, P.E., Principal, SRF Consulting Group, Inc., Plymouth, MN
       Georgia Chapter
2008  Lloyd Pauly, Business Development Manager, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Minneapolis, MN
       North Carolina Chapter
2007  R. Mark DeVries, Maintenance Superintendent/Operations, McHenry County, IL, Division of Transportation
       Minnesota Chapter
HARRY S. SWEARINGEN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER SERVICE

**Purpose**
Established in 1958 to perpetuate the memory of Harry Seller Swearingen (1900–1957), who worked untiringly on behalf of APWA and its purposes. A career employee of the City of Los Angeles, Swearingen was an active member of the Southern California Chapter. This award recognizes outstanding individual achievement through chapter activity and achievement in support of APWA's strategic plan, goals and objectives, as well as outstanding service to APWA as a public or private sector member at the chapter level.

**Eligibility**
Individual candidates and corporate company candidates must be active members of APWA and actively involved at the chapter level for an extended period of time.

**Selection**
Selection is based upon a pattern of professional activities that have resulted in the enhancement of the quality, efficiency, or cost-effectiveness of services provided by individual candidates or corporate company candidates. This award may also be given to an individual in recognition of service related to member retention and/or recruitment. The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winner(s). The committee may, at its discretion, select multiple candidates if the committee determines more than one candidate is equally deserving of recognition.

**Nomination Process**
Nominations must be made by chapters. Submittals should detail the nominee’s activity within the chapter and community. Submittal should include nomination form and documentation supporting the purpose of the award and the award’s eligibility requirements.

**Deadline**
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**
The winner(s) is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

**Purpose**
Established by the APWA International Affairs Committee, the APWA International Service Award recognizes an APWA member who has furthered the cause of international understanding and cooperation by becoming actively involved in exchanges, establishing a relationship with a public works entity from another country, or providing outstanding public works service on an international basis.

**Eligibility**
Candidates must meet the following criteria:
1. Be an active member of APWA.
2. Provide a demonstrated record of international public works or related service (volunteer, paid, or a combination) outside the United States and Canada over a significant period of one’s professional career including, but not limited to, promoting sustainable practices through international partnerships by encouraging smart growth policies, updating water treatment facilities, introducing innovative use of energy sources, etc.
3. Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to building international relationships and fostering international understanding through public works service.

Members of the APWA Board of Directors, International Affairs Committee, International Affairs Sub-Committee, or international partnership task forces are not eligible during their term of service.

**Selection**
The award winner is selected by the APWA Awards Committee. No more than one candidate is selected annually for receipt of the award. The award need not be given in any year that the Awards Committee deems there are no outstanding candidates.

**Nomination Process**
Nominations can be made by APWA chapters or members of APWA. Submittals should include nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate’s international public works service.

**Deadline**
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**
The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

**Former Recipients**
- **2014** Mary L. Monahan, Owner, Mary Louise Monahan Enterprises, Holyoke, MA
- **2012** Dan Hartman, Director of Public Works, City of Golden, Colorado
- **2011** Dwayne Kalynchuk, P.Eng., Director of Engineering and Public Works, City of Victoria, BC
- **2010** Walter Eshenaur, P.E., Senior Associate, SRF Consulting Group, Inc., Plymouth, MN
- **2009** David Myles, Manager, Water and Underground Utilities Operations, City of Victoria, BC
- **2007** Jimmy B. Foster, P.E., Director of Public Works, City of Plano, TX
PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR CHAPTER EXCELLENCE (PACE)

Purpose
To recognize APWA chapters for contributions made to positively impact their membership, profession, and community. This award recognizes chapters that demonstrate this accomplishment in a given year.

Eligibility
APWA chapters are eligible to submit a nomination for consideration based upon meeting the outlined criteria. There are four categories in which the chapter is evaluated. Each category has specific goals that will be used to evaluate the chapter’s programs and services to the membership and community. All chapters, regardless of size, are strongly encouraged to submit for this award.

In addition to meeting the criteria listed below, to be eligible a chapter that has more than 500 members must also nominate at least one individual for the Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award and nominate at least one individual/group/project for any three other national APWA awards. Any chapter with 500 members or less submitting for this award is required to make only one national award nomination in any category. Chapters will be notified by APWA National as to their eligibility to submit a nomination for the award.

Chapter Summary – Provide an executive summary documenting the following: (1) Innovative programs and efforts, which were implemented, and resources allocated to support chapter capacity impacting members, potential members, and the community in the past year; (2) areas addressed in the past year to improve chapter capacity and/or addressed to take the chapter to the next level in achieving excellence.

I. Membership
A. Document net membership gain/loss and retention
B. Outline membership recruitment and retention efforts and programs
C. Provide evidence of innovative membership development and retention efforts regardless of whether net growth has occurred

II. Service to Chapter Members
A. Number of members attending meeting/events
B. Member-to-Member Outreach — Defined as member surveys, newsletters, meeting notices, membership engagement/volunteer plan and efforts, member welcome packages, leadership training, etc.
C. Evidence that the chapter is successfully meeting Chapter Best Practice, submit completed copy with nomination.
D. Chapter to Chapter Outreach — Defined as ranging from combined educational and leadership meetings with other chapters to mentoring and sharing successful programs and lessons learned with other chapters
E. Chapter Diversity/inclusiveness programs or activities
F. Young/Emerging Professionals — Efforts to attract and engage young/emerging professionals in the chapter and APWA National

III. Advancement of Public Works and Sustainability
A. Awards/recognition programs — Defined as chapter/national awards recognizing members/nonmembers
B. Public Works Promotion — Defined as National Public Works Week, educational outreach, and other programs geared to promote the profession to the public.
C. Professional Development — Defined as promoting the development of members through education and training, promoting the Donald C. Stone Center and providing scholarship opportunities for educational training programs.
D. Promotes Sustainability in Public Works Management — Definition has been left open to allow consideration for any innovative programs and opportunities that call attention to public works in a positive way
E. Advocacy Outreach — Efforts to advocate for public works and increase awareness and understanding of public works with elected/appointed officials

IV. Service to the Community
A. Education Outreach Programs —Scholarship/partnerships with schools/universities, student chapters and presentation to student groups, mentoring programs, shadow and career days, etc.
B. Community Service Programs — Participation in the community as a chapter of APWA, including partnering with other service organizations such as Harvesters, American Red Cross, United Way, Adopt-a-Highway programs, environmental cleanup, participation in Earth Day, recycling education, etc.

Selection
PACE Award recipients are selected by a panel comprised of APWA’s current President, President-Elect; and three most recent Past Presidents.

Nomination Process
Any APWA chapter may submit a nomination for the PACE if the eligibility requirements of award nominations have been met. The submittal should include a summary and address each of the categories and the goals in the order shown above.

The nomination will cover the time period of January 1 through December 31, 2016. A chapter should only submit the nomination, cover letter and chapter best practices.

Deadline
June 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
A plaque or certificate and chapter banner patch are presented at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX, and winning chapters are featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients
Purpose
The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Administrative Management seeks to recognize outstanding achievement in the area of administration within the public works department and to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of administrative professionals.

Eligibility
Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is in the area of public works administration management. Fields of employment for a nominee include, but are not limited to, human resource professionals, financial/business operations managers, information technologists, procurement services specialists, safety officers, and office management administrators. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Leadership and Management Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

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

Agency  Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in the public works field of administrative management.

Scope  Candidates must manage and have made significant contributions in the field of public works and the discipline of administrative management.

Selection
The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

Criteria
The criteria used in the selection process include:

Professional  Significant contributions to the advancement of administrative management.

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

Innovation  Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology in advancing the effectiveness of administrative management.

Agency Service  Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of administrative services.

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

Community Service  Promotion of the field of public administrative management in the community, agency or customers served.

Sustainability  Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nomination Process
Any group, individual, governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate’s professional work.

Deadline  March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients
2016  Julie Piacentini, Administrative Manager, Department of Public Works, City of Brookline, MA
2015  Elvira I. Alonzo, CPM, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of McAllen, Texas
2013  Sonja R. Simpson, Deputy Director, Division of Operations, Ohio DOT
2012  Arden Fontaine, Special Projects Coordinator, Volusia County, FL
2011  Jacqueline Connors, Senior Administrative Assistant, Department of Public Works, Boston, MA
2010  Beth Wimpy, Administrative Manager, City of Arlington, TX
2009  Becky A. Carlson, Public Works Administration Division Manager, City of Eugene, OR
**Purpose**

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Engineering and Technology category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of engineering and technology professionals. The primary focus of this award is the recognition of exceptional leadership and management in the area of engineering and technology.

**Eligibility**

Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is management of public works engineering and/or technology-related activities is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Engineering and Technology Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

- **Career Length** Candidates with a minimum of 10 years of qualifying experience may be nominated.
- **Agency** Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in the area of public works engineering and technology.
- **Scope** Candidates must manage a diverse engineering and technology service delivery program characterized by creative engineering activities with a record of developing/utilizing/leveraging technology.

**Selection**

The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

**Criteria**

The criteria used in the selection process include:

- **Profession** Significant contributions to the advancement of engineering and technology management.
- **Leadership** Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of engineering and technology management.
- **Innovation** Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of engineering and technology operations.
- **Agency Service** Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of engineering and technology operations.
- **Customer Service** Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- **Community Service** Promotion of the field of engineering and technology management in the community, agency or customers served.
- **Sustainability** Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

**Nomination Process**

Any group, individual, or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate’s professional work.

**Deadline**

March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**

The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

**Former Recipients**

- **2016** Edward “Ed” Roberge, P.E., City Engineer, City of Concord, NH
- **2015** Jon Nelson, P.E., Engineer of Traffic, Lake County Division of Transportation, Libertyville, IL
- **2014** John E. (Jay) Corey, Jr., P.E., City Engineer, City of Woburn, MA
- **2013** Russell “Reid” Penland, Supervising Land Surveyor, Alameda County, CA
- **2012** Jason Snyder, P.E., Senior Project Manager, RETTEW Associates, Lancaster, PA
- **2011** Mark Maloney, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Shoreview, MN
- **2010** Bradford (Brad) Henry, P.E., Master’s Degree Instructor, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- **2009** Bobby Teague, P.E., Director of Engineering and Infrastructure, City of Fayetteville, NC
- **2008** Mark A. Schoening, City Engineer, City of Eugene, OR
- **2006** Paul Klope, P.E., Principal Engineer, City of Eugene, OR
**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 primary focus of this award is the recognition of exceptional leadership and management in the field of facilities and/or grounds.

**Eligibility**
Any APWA member whose primary responsibility in the management of public facilities and/or grounds is eligible. 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 during the time they serve on the Committee.

- **Career Length** Candidates with a minimum of 10 years of qualifying experience may be nominated.
- **Agency** Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in the field of facilities and grounds.
- **Scope** Candidates must manage and have made significant contributions in the field of public facilities and/or grounds.

**Selection**
The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

**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.
- **Sustainability** Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

**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. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate’s professional work.

**Deadline**
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**
The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

**Former Recipients**
2016 Nick Caggiano, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, City of Nashua, NH
2015 Deborah Abraham, Division Manager, Columbus Consolidated Government/Public Works, Columbus, GA
2014 David J. Pinsonneault, CSFM, CPRP, Operations Manager, Department of Public Works, Town of Lexington, MA
2012 Jeffrey A. Jenkins, PWLF, Facilities Division Manager, City of Tacoma, WA
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
Purpose

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Fleet category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public fleet management professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management of public sector fleets.

Eligibility

Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is the management of a public works fleet is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Fleet Services Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

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

Agency
Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in the management of a public sector fleet.

Scope
Candidates must manage a significantly diversified fleet of equipment utilized in providing essential public service functions.

Selection

The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

Criteria

The criteria used in the selection process include:

Profession
Significant contributions to the advancement of public fleet management.

Leadership
Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of public fleet management.

Innovation
Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of public fleet management.

Agency Service
Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of public fleet operations.

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

Community Service
Promotion of the field of public fleet management in the community, agency or customers served.

Sustainability
Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nomination Process

Any group, individual or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate's professional work.

Deadline

March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation

The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

2016  Melvin Garrett, Assistant Fleet Director, Charleston County Government, North Charleston, SC
2015  Barry Lowry, MPA, Fleet Program Manager, Town of Chapel Hill, NC
2014  Chris Trull, Fleet Manager, City of Charlotte, NC
2013  Richard Battersby, CPFP, CAFM, Director of Fleet Services, University of California, Davis
2012  J.D. Schulte, CPFP, Fleet Division Manager, City of Moline, IL
2011  Kevin L. Schlangen, Fleet Manager, Dakota County, MN
2010  Samuel P. Lamerato, CPFP, Superintendent of Fleet Maintenance Division, City of Troy, MI
2009  Ernie Ivy, Fleet Director, City and County of Denver, CO
2008  John S. Hunt, Fleet Manager, City of Portland, OR
2007  T.J. Sorensen, Operations Superintendent, City of Green Bay, WI
2006  Gary Smith, Equipment Services Manager, City of Greensboro, NC
Purpose
The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Public Right-of-Way category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public right-of-way management professionals. The primary focus of this award is the recognition of management demonstrating that all stakeholders share the public right-of-way in harmony and preserve it in the best interest and benefit of the public.

Eligibility
Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is in right-of-way management. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Utilities and Public Right-of-Way Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

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

Agency
Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in Public Right-of-Way management.

Scope
Candidates must manage and have made significant contributions to the advancement of Public Right-of-Way.

Selection
The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

Criteria
The criteria used in the selection process include:

Profession
Significant contributions to the advancement of public right-of-way management.

Leadership
Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of public right-of-way management.

Innovation
Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology in advancing the effectiveness of public right-of-way management.

Agency Service
Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of public right-of-way operations.

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

Community Service
Promotion of the field of public right-of-way management in the community, agency or customers served.

Sustainability
Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nomination Process
Any group, individual, or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate’s professional work.

Deadline
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony held during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients
2015  Robert J. "Bob" Miller, Highway Commissioner, Algonquin Township, IL
2013  Deborah "Denise" Kiser, Right-of-Way Agent, Putnam County, FL
2012  Roger Venables, Assistant Director Community Development and Planning, City of Arlington, TX
2009  Eloy A. Rosales, Right-of-Way Manager, City of San Antonio, TX
2007  Mark Macy, P.E., Director of Engineering, City of Nashville, TN
2002  Lorne Ross, Manager of Surface Projects, Regional Municipality of Ottawa, Carleton, CN
Purpose

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Works Emergency Management seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public works emergency management professionals. The primary focus of this award is the recognition of exceptional leadership in the field of public works emergency management.

Eligibility

Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is in an emergency management role is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Emergency Management Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

- Career Length: Candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated.
- Agency: Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in public works emergency management.
- Scope: Candidates must manage a public works emergency management program with an active role in Homeland Security and emergency management programs, including emergency planning initiatives and emergency response operations.

Selection

The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

Criteria

The criteria used in the selection process include:

- Profession: Significant contributions to the advancement of public works emergency management.
- Leadership: Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of public works emergency management.
- Innovation: Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of public works emergency management.
- Agency Service: Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of public works emergency management operations.
- Customer Service: Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- Community Service: Promotion of the field of public works emergency management in the community, agency or customers served.
- Sustainability: Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nominations Process

Any group, individual or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate’s professional work.

Deadline

March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation

The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

- 2016: Kürt Blomquist, P.E., Public Works Director/Emergency Mgmt. Dir., City of Keene, NH
- 2015: Christine Walsh, Director of Operations, City of Beloit, WI
- 2014: Tony Torres, Director of Operations, Village of Bolingbrook, IL
- 2013: Lawrence Lux, PWLF, Founder/President, Lux Advisors, Ltd., Plainfield, IL
- 2012: Bruce Slagoski, Public Works Supervisor, City of Beloit, WI
- 2011: Ronald F. Ribaric, FPEM, Assistant Project Manager, Orange County Public Works, Orlando, FL
- 2010: Brian Usher, Director of Public Works, City of Largo, FL
- 2009: Pilar Rodriguez, P.E., Assistant City Manager, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, City of McAllen, TX
- 2007: Guadalupe Thomas, Public Works Operations Manager, City of Oakland, CA
**Purpose**
The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Solid Waste category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of solid waste management professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional management, operation, and maintenance of public sector solid waste operations.

**Eligibility**
Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is the management of a public works solid waste operation is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Solid Waste Management Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

- **Career Length** Candidates with a minimum of 10 years of qualifying experience may be nominated.
- **Agency** Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in the management of a public sector solid waste operation.
- **Scope** Candidates must manage a significantly diversified solid waste operation, i.e., landfill, collection, incineration and recycling operations or a combination of those.

**Selection**
The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

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

- **Profession** Significant contributions in the advancement of solid waste management.
- **Leadership** Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of solid waste management.
- **Innovation** Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology and advancing the effectiveness of solid waste management.
- **Agency Service** Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of solid waste operations.
- **Customer Service** Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- **Community Service** Promotion of the field of solid waste management in the community, agency, or customers served.
- **Sustainability** Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

**Nomination Process**
Any group, individual or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate’s professional work.

**Deadline**
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**
The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

**Former Recipients**
- **2016** Mike Mundell, Solid Waste Manager, City of Braunfels, TX
- **2015** Chris Bussen, Solid Waste Superintendent, City of Lee’s Summit, MO
- **2014** Harvey E. Howard, Superintendent of Waste Management, City of Norfolk, VA
- **2013** Monica Bramble, Solid Waste Manager, City of North Port, Fl
- **2012** Carl Michaud, Director, Department of Environmental Services, Hennepin County, MN
- **2011** Steve Wambach, Solid Waste Administrator, Pierce County WA, Public Works and Utilities
- **2010** Richard L. Wieman, Solid Waste Utility Manager, City of Columbia, MO
- **2009** Ronnie M. Owens, Commissioner, Division of Waste Collection and Disposal, City of Cleveland, OH
- **2008** Edwin H. Marr, Solid Waste Administrator, City of Greenville, SC
- **2007** David A. Pelser, P.E., Director, Waste Management & Recycling, Sacramento County, CA
- **2006** Robert Anderson, Superintendent of Solid Waste, City of Columbia, SC
PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD
TRANSPORTATION

Purpose
The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Transportation category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public transportation professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management by an individual through a significant transportation related project or program.

Eligibility
Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is the management of the planning, design, operation and/or maintenance of transportation projects or programs is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Transportation Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

Career Length Candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated.
Agency Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in transportation.
Scope Candidates must manage the planning, design, operation, services and/or maintenance of transportation projects or programs.

Selection
The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

Criteria
The criteria used in the selection process include:
Profession Significant contributions to the advancement of transportation management.
Leadership Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of transportation management.
Innovation Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of transportation management.
Agency Service Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of transportation operations.
Customer Service Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
Community Service Promotion of the field of transportation management in the community, agency or customers served.
Sustainability Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nomination Process
Any group, individual or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate’s professional work.

Deadline March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
The winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients
2016 Debbie Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency of Monterey County, CA
2015 Ted Marquez, P.E., Director, Department of Transportation, City of El Paso, TX
2013 James D. Armstrong, Assistant Administrator Transportation/Public Works, Charleston County, SC
2012 Nancy J.T. Kraushaar, P.E., City Engineer/Public Works Director, City of Oregon City, OR
2011 Wayne H. Sandberg, P.E., Deputy Public Works Director & County Engineer, Washington County, MN
2010 Beverly Ann B. Farraher, Metro District Maintenance Engineer, Minnesota DOT, Roseville, MN
2009 Tim Mar, P.E., Supervising Engineer Funding and Project Development Section DOT, City of Sacramento, CA
2008 Maria Valero, Traffic Operations Manager, City of San Antonio, TX
2007 Tom Zlotkowski, Director, Department of Transportation, Sacramento County, CA
2006 J.C. Wood, P.E., Director of Maintenance, North Texas Tollway Authority, Plano, TX
**Purpose**

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Water Resources category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of water resources professionals.

**Eligibility**

Any APWA member whose primary responsibilities are in the area of public works water resources management is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Water Resources Management Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

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

- **Agency**: Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in water resources management.

- **Scope**: Candidates must manage and have made significant contributions to the advancement of water resources management.

**Selection**

The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

**Criteria**

The criteria used in the selection process include:

- **Profession**: Significant contributions to the advancement of water resources management.

- **Leadership**: Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of water resources management.

- **Innovation**: Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of water resources management.

- **Agency Service**: Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of water resources operations.

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

- **Community Service**: Promotion of the field of water resources management in the community, agency or customers served.

- **Sustainability**: Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

**Nomination Process**

Any group, individual or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate’s professional work.

**Deadline**

March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**

The award winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

**Former Recipients**

- **2016**: Andrew Pappastergion, Commissioner of Public Works, Town of Brookline, MA
- **2015**: David Hollingsworth, P.E., CFM, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Longmont, CO
- **2014**: Randy Neprash, P.E., Stormwater Regulatory Specialist, Stantec Consulting, St. Paul, MN
- **2013**: Alice Champagne, CPESC, CFM, Water Resources Manager, City of Roswell, GA
- **2012**: Richard T. Hoey, P.E., Director of Water Resources, City of Olympia, WA
- **2011**: Charles Button, P.E., Senior Consultant, CDM, Cambridge, MA
- **2010**: Pete Willenbring, P.E., Vice President, WSB & Associates, Inc., Minneapolis, MN
- **2009**: David Joseph “D.J.” Señeres, P.E., Stormwater Program Manager, City of Archdale, NC
- **2008**: Reid R. Wronski, P.E., City Engineer, City of River Falls, WI
- **2007**: Keith DeVore, Director, Department of Water Resources, Sacramento County, CA
- **2006**: Mark L. Rogers, Collection Systems Manager, City of Tulsa, OK
MYRON CALKINS YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose
To recognize and encourage young APWA members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service.

Background
Myron Calkins served as APWA President in 1970-71 and was elected Chapter President of both the Washington State and Kansas City Metro Chapters. In addition to serving as National President, Calkins served as President of the Public Works Historical Society, chaired the Awards Review Committee and served on the Editorial Advisory Board for the APWA Reporter. He received the Presidential Leadership Award in 2007.

Eligibility
Candidates must be active members of APWA for five consecutive years and not exceed 35 years of age as of the deadline of the award submittal. Please include candidate’s birth date in nomination materials. The candidates must have demonstrated an ability and eagerness to act at the chapter or branch level and/or national by serving on committees, as an officer, heading projects, participating in programs or contributing in general to the well-being of the chapter.

The candidate also should have accomplished one or more of the following:

• Contributed in some significant manner to his/her public agency or company by implementing new ideas, overcoming problems, controlling costs, etc.

• Helped to advance the cause of the public works profession either with leadership commitments to significant community projects or as an advocate for public works issues at the legislative level in local, state, or federal governments

• Demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing education in the public works field (i.e., related educational degree(s), attendance at workshops, seminars, or CEU credits, etc.)

• Demonstrated an ongoing commitment to advancing sustainability within the profession

Selection
The Award Committee reviews the nominations and selects the winner(s)

Nomination Process
Nominations may be made by a chapter, APWA entity, or individual APWA members. Submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate’s professional work, community contributions, personal awards and education.

Deadline
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
Winners will receive a check for $500 and presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA Publications.

Former Recipients
In 2017 The Young Leader Award was changed to the Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award Former Recipients of the Young Leader Award:

2016  Lauren Behm, Management Analyst, Pierce County Public Works, Tacoma, WA
      Frank Lopez, P.E., QSD, CFM, Director, Harris & Associates, Salinas, CA
      Paul “Andrew” Parker, Assistant Public Works Director, City of Dalton, GA

2015  Amanda Millirons, MPA, Assistant Public Works Director, City of Palm Bay, FL
      Sean O’Dell, P.E., Infrastructure Department Manager, Baxter & Woodman, Inc., Mokena, IL

2014  Christopher Gallagher, Deputy Director of Public Works, Town of Westwood, MA
      Therese Mersmann, P.E., Capital Projects and Development Manager, City of Olathe, KS

2013  Charles R. “Chas” Jordan, Management Analyst III, City of Largo, FL

2012  Christopher J. Petree, Public Works Director, City of Lakeville, MN

2011  Bill Stogsdill, Director of Public Works, City of Fairway, Kansas

2010  Jonathan A. Gano, Superintendent of Streets, City of Springfield, MO

2009  Alysen M. Abel, P.E., Civil Engineer II, City of Overland Park, KS

2008  Heidi Thummel, Market Development Manager, George Butler Associates, Lenexa, KS

2007  Daniel R. Stack, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer, City of Overland Park, KS
COMMENDATION FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO PUBLIC WORKS

Purpose To recognize an elected government service leader for far-reaching positive impact on local, state or national public works programs, services or policies through exemplary public service and commitment. This award particularly recognizes leadership in furthering the mission and goals of APWA.

Eligibility Nonmembers of APWA who are recognized leaders that have made a positive impact or significant contributions to the public works field. Candidates may be any elected official from local, state or federal government.

Selection The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects one or more award winners.

Nomination Process Nominations may be made by an APWA chapter, or individual APWA members. Submittal should include nomination form and documentation supporting the purpose of the award and the award’s eligibility requirements.

Deadline March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation The award is presented at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX or other appropriate venue and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients In 2017 the Citation for Exemplary Service to Public Works was changed to the Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works

Former Recipients of the Citation for Exemplary Service to Public Works Award:

2016 Kevin Western, State Bridge Engineer, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Oakdale, MN
2015 Ann Chanecka, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, Dept. of Transportation, City of Tucson, AZ
2014 Joseph C. Serra, State Representative, State of CT
2012 Congressman James McGovern, MA, United States House of Representatives
2011 Senator James M. Inhofe, OK, United States Senate
2009 Congressman James E. Clyburn, SC, United States House of Representatives
2008 Congressman Peter DeFazio, OR, United States House of Representatives
**Purpose**
The APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works snow and ice operations. To promote the best practices in snow and ice removal while minimizing environmental impacts.

**Eligibility**
Any public works agency actively involved in snow and ice removal and operations. Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services, in accordance with established public policy. APWA membership is not required.

**Selection**
The award winner(s) is selected by the APWA Winter Maintenance Subcommittee. No sitting member of the subcommittee or the member’s respective agency shall be eligible for the award. Criteria to be used in the selection process can be found on the Supporting Data Form.

**Nomination Process**
Nominations can be made by the managing public agency or APWA chapters. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the categories outlined on the supporting data form.

**Deadline**
February 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**
The award winner(s) is presented with a plaque at the North American Snow Conference and featured in APWA publications.

**Former Recipients**

2016  
City of Longmont, CO, Public Works & Natural Resources  
Town of Orangetown Highway Department, Orangeburg, NY  
Village of Buffalo Grove, IL, Public Works Department

2015  
City of Columbus, OH  
City of Lenexa, KS  
City of Waconia, MN

2014  
City of Bettendorf, IA  
City of Bloomington, MN  
City of Council Bluffs, IA

2013  
City of Green Bay, WI, Public Works Department  
City of Novi, MI, Department of Public Services  
Ohio DOT

2012  
City of Ankeny, IA, Public Works Department  
City of Overland Park, KS, Public Works Department

2011  
City of Farmington Hills, MI, Department of Public Works  
Town of Orangetown, NY, Highway Department  
City of Worcester, MA, Department of Public Works and Parks

2010  
City of Pryor Lake, MN

2009  
City of Beloit, Department of Public Works Operations, Beloit, WI  
City of Calgary, Department of Transportation – Roads Maintenance, Calgary, AB

2008  
City of Chicago, Department of Streets and Sanitation, Chicago, IL  
City of Winnipeg Public Works Department, Winnipeg, MB  
North Texas Tollway Authority, Plano, TX  
Shingle Creek Watershed Commission, Plymouth, MN  
Westchester County Department of Public Works, White Plains, NY
Purpose
A series of awards to recognize exceptional performance in individuals, teams, or organizations in the areas of Adversity, Diversity, Journalism (non-chapter), Journalism (chapter), Safety and Sustainability whose outstanding contributions in the course of performance raises the level of the public works profession.

Background
- **Adversity**: Recognizes exceptional performance in the face of adversity in service to the public. Demonstrates going above or beyond the normal call of service to a situation where the individual, team or organization responded to a condition marked by misfortune, calamity or distress.
- **Diversity**: Recognizes individuals or agencies for exceptional performance and contributions to promote diversity practices. Diversity is not an affirmative action or an equal opportunity program. Diversity values different perspectives and provides a process or program for inclusiveness to all.
- **Journalism (non-chapter)**: Recognizes exceptional performance in presenting the story of a public works issue or event that projects a positive image of individuals or agencies in the course of their performance in either broadcast or print mediums.
- **Journalism (chapter)**: Recognizes exceptional performance at the chapter level for their newsletters, magazines and/or other publications and broadcast mediums.
- **Safety**: Recognizes exceptional performance in the area of safety.
- **Sustainability**: Recognizes exceptional performance that demonstrates outstanding contributions to sustainability in public works. Sustainability is accomplished by the efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best choice in the long term.

Eligibility
Candidates may be an individual, team, or group of individuals or organizations meeting the purpose of the award. APWA membership is not required. When documenting your Exceptional Performance Award in Adversity, Diversity, Journalism, Safety or Sustainability, please include and address any sustainable practices or solutions. Only APWA chapters can submit for the Exceptional Performance Award in Journalism (Chapter). All nominated publications and broadcast mediums must have been originally printed within the past two years.

Selection
Each category should have a cover letter from the nominator that identifies the accomplishments and attests to the nominee’s positive performance in the category in which they have been nominated as well as a narrative not exceeding ten pages in length, explaining the basis for the nomination in the following areas described below.

- Complexity and severity of the challenges addressed
- Use of original/innovative/effective approaches
- Impact and long term benefits to public works
- The journalism awards will be judged additionally on quality, content, creativity and design.

Determination of the award recipients will depend (in large part) on information provided in the narrative section of the nomination.

If submitting for journalism awards please include the date that your publication or broadcast medium (website, video, etc.) were created in your cover letter.

The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

Nomination Process
Nominations may be made by an APWA chapter, entity, or individual APWA members or nonmembers. Submittals must include nomination form and documentation supporting the purpose of the award and the award’s eligibility requirements. Submission for Exceptional Performance Award—Journalism must include the actual article/publication/transcript or link to the material such as website or video.

Deadline
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
The winners are presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and are featured in APWA publications.

In 2017 the Diversity and Sustainability Awards were included within the Exceptional Performance Awards.

Former Recipients
2016
- **Adversity**
  - Record Snowfall Response, Town of Lexington, MA
- **Journalism**
  - Sweet Streets Website, City of Richfield, MN
- **Chapter Journalism**
  - "Public Works makes it Happen" video, New England Chapter, Public Awareness Committee
- **Safety**
  - Missouri’s Blueprint to Save More Lives, Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, Jefferson City, MO
- **Sustainability**
  - Mike Faha, PLA, ASLA, LEED, AP, Principal/Landscape Architect, Greenworks, PC, Portland, City of Coon Rapids, MN

2015
- **Journalism**
  - Community and Employee Newsletters, San Francisco Public Works
- **Chapter Journalism**
  - MN2050, Minnesota Chapter

2014
- **Adversity**
  - Response to the Boston Marathon Bombing, Department of Public Works, Town of Watertown, MA
- **Journalism**
- **Chapter Journalism**
  - Colorado Chapter Newsletter
**Purpose**

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects.

Awards are given in four divisions:

1. Projects less than $5 million
2. Projects of $5 million, but less than $25 million
3. Projects of $25 million to $75 million
4. Projects more than $75 million

and five categories:

1. Structures—to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.
2. Transportation—to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.
3. Environment—to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.
4. Historical Restoration/Preservation—to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, etc.
5. Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair—to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

**Eligibility**

Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.

To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use.

A project may only be nominated once for recognition as “Project of the Year” under any category.

**Selection**

Criteria to be used in the selection process include:

1. Use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule.
2. Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program during construction.
3. Community relations as evidenced by efforts to minimize public inconvenience due to construction, safety precautions to protect public lives and property, provision of observation areas, guided tours, or other means of improving relations between the agency and the public.
4. Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment during the project. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project.
5. Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions including, but not limited to age or condition of the facility, adverse weather, soil or other site conditions over which there is no control.
6. Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money-saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.
7. Use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent (such as the Envision rating system) to ensure project is sustainable.

The Project of the Year Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

**Nomination Process**

Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or APWA chapters. Please refer to the Supporting Data form for more directions.

**Deadline**

March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**

A designated representative of the public agency, contractor, and consultant are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX, and winners are featured in APWA publications.
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD
FOR SMALL CITIES/RURAL COMMUNITIES

Purpose
A new award created for 2013, the APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award for agencies from cities or counties with a population of 75,000 or less is established to promote excellence in demonstrating creativity, ingenuity, and efficiency in the delivery of Public Works projects that have a profound impact on the community. The award does not have a fixed dollar amount and can include, but is not limited to, the following categories: structures, environmental, historic preservation, emergency response, or transportation projects that have created a positive impact on the life of the community.

The Award is given for impact in the community as compared to a dollar amount.

The categories which could be included are:

1. Structures—to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.
2. Transportation—to include roads, bridges, transit, traffic calming, etc.
3. Environment—to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill projects, sewer projects, sustainable practices
4. Historical Restoration/Preservation—to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, etc.
5. Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair—to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

Eligibility
Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, quality of life projects and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.

To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use.

A project may be nominated a maximum of one time for the award in any category.

Selection
Criteria to be used in the selection process include:

1. Development of the project to meet a perceived need of the community
2. Use of alternative materials, practices, or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability.
3. Unique or unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions that dictated the defined action.
4. Economic challenges that the community faced and the rationale of the option chosen.
5. Creative use of municipal resources, equipment, labor, or funds that produced measurable benefits to the community.
6. Construction processes that minimize the impact to the community and its residents during construction.
7. Demonstrate awareness of opportunities for environmental preservation during the project and how they were incorporated in the project design and construction.
8. Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money-saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.

The Project of the Year Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winner(s).

Nomination Process
Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or APWA Chapters. Please refer to the Supporting Data Form for more directions.

Deadline
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
A designated representative of the public agency, contractor, and consultant are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX, and winners are featured in APWA publications.
**Purpose**
To recognize an individual, team, or organization for the development, management and implementation of a creative idea, device, process, or system that enhances the goals of public works in serving the public and protecting the environment.

**Eligibility**
Anyone actively involved in the public works profession is eligible. APWA membership is not required.

**Selection**
The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

**Criteria**
The following criteria are used in the selection process:

- Each nominated innovation is judged on its effect upon the provision of goods and services to the public. It can be an innovation in the process itself or in the materials, design, equipment, administration, management training, procurement of, etc., that improves, informs, or educates the delivery of public services and improves the quality of life. A project can be nominated for its innovative concepts or methods.
- The innovation must be a proven success. It must have had a positive and important effect on, improve the quality of, or reduce the cost of the delivery of public works goods and services. Innovation is the implementation of new methods and new technologies. It is not merely an idea that has merit and may be successful in the future.
- The innovation must be a significant advance, not just a natural evolution of existing methods, common sense or good practice.
- The innovation must be documented and presentable. Innovators, their teams and/or their agencies/employers must disclose sufficient information about the innovation to allow documentation for the Awards Committee.

**Nomination Process**
Innovations can be nominated by any public agency or APWA chapter. Submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation.

**Deadline**
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**
The award winners are presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and are featured in APWA publications.

**Former Recipients**

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TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS LEADERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose
The Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year program seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any one single event or project.

Eligibility
It is the intent of this award to recognize the career service accomplishments of public works professionals and officials. Towards that end, candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated from any of the following categories. APWA membership is not required. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. Individuals are only eligible to receive the Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award on one occasion.

1. Public Sector
Public sector candidates may come from any of the three following categories having a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience:

   a. Any non-elected, full-time employee of a federal, state, provincial, county or municipal government, that is responsible for one or more major subdivisions of a governmental agency. Most of the candidate’s time and efforts must be devoted to the administration and management of the design, construction, maintenance and/or operation of a street or highway system, refuse collection or disposal system, public building, drainage or flood control facility, airport, harbor, utilities or any other type of public works installation.

   b. Service in an appointed (non-elected) position on a board or commission charged with the oversight or policy level review of public works or infrastructure issues. Such service may have been at the federal, state, provincial, county or municipal government level dealing with surface transportation systems, refuse, solid waste, and recycling systems, public buildings, drainage or flood control, airports, harbors, or any other type of public works or infrastructure systems. Such positions may typically be represented by the following examples: City Manager, Public Works Commissioner, Roads Commissioner, Highway Commissioner, Transportation Commissioner, Airport Commissioner, Port Authority Commissioner, or other comparable position.

   c. Elected officials who have prior qualifying experience from either category "a" or "b" may also be considered as candidates.

2. Private Sector
Private sector public works and/or civil engineering professionals having a minimum of 10 years of involvement in public sector public works activities may be eligible, if their qualifying activities have come from the following areas:

   a. Experience as a contract Director of Public Works/City Engineer or comparable position, which was provided by means of a contract service from a private sector firm to a governmental entity; or

   b. A combination of prior qualifying experience in the public sector (see number 1) and/or service as a consultant engaged in the provision of public works-related services to the public sector.

Selection
The Top Ten are selected by five past Top Ten award recipients appointed by the APWA President.

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. APWA membership is not required. Submittals should include nomination form and supporting data form. It is encouraged that these materials be completed by the nominating party and not be left for the candidate to submit. Please refer to directions as outlined on supporting data form.

Deadline
March 1, 2017 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation
The award winners are presented with a plaque during National Public Works Week and recognized during PWX, and other such venues as the association deems appropriate. Winners are also featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

2016
Kenneth Eyre, P.E., Senior Associate, Greeley and Hansen, Alexandria, VA
John Herzke, P.E., PWLF, Vice President of Municipal Services, Clark Nexsen, Virginia Beach, VA
Dena Mezger, P.E., PWLF, Director of Public Works, City of Lee’s Summit, MO
Diane Nakano, P.E. Assistant General Manager, Sacramento Regional Transit District, Sacramento, CA
James "Jim" Neal, P.E., Public Works Director, Charleston County, SC
Bob Patterson, P.E., Director of Public Works, City of Pendleton, OR
James "Jim" Proce, MBA, PWLF, Assistant City Manager, City of Rowlett, TX
Walter "Walt" Veselka, P.E., PWLF, Public Works Director, City of Bristol, CT
Clark Wantoch, P.E., MS, MBA, PWLF, Executive Director, Wisconsin Concrete Pipe Association, Milwaukee, WI
Paul Wiegand, P.E., SUDAS Program Director, Iowa State University, Ames, IA