Professional Manager of the Year Award
Public Fleet

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 2, 2015 (electronic submittals only)

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

Former Recipients
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
2005 George L. Schwarz, Director, Bureau of Vehicle Management, City of Harrisburg, PA
2004 James D. Gorby, Director, Department of Vehicle Services, Fairfax County, VA
2002 Dennis Banka, Public Works Manager, City of Lenexa, KS
2001 Robert T. Degnan, Commissioner, Department of Fleet Management, City of Chicago, IL