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APWA announces the 2018 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – May 1, 2018 – The American Public Works Association (APWA) announced today the 2018 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. APWA's Top Ten Public Works Leaders are recognized for the career service achievements of public works professionals. This year marks the 58th anniversary of the Top Ten Leaders Awards, which is one of the most coveted and prestigious awards presented by APWA.

The Top Ten Public Works Leaders program focuses on outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials from both the public and private sectors in North America. The Top Ten Leaders are recognized for their accomplishments in federal, state, provincial, county or municipal engineering or administration including career advancement, contribution to technology or job knowledge, commitment to the profession as evidenced by education, training, certification or registration and continuing education, as well as professional excellence and service to the community in large and small municipalities.

This year's APWA 2018 Top Ten Public Works Leaders list includes:

- **Richard "Chip" Barrett, PWLF, Superintendent of Highways, Town of Westford, Massachusetts**
- **Richard A. Fosse, P.E., Faculty, University of Iowa College of Engineering, Iowa City, Iowa**
- **Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer/Director of Transportation & Capital Improvements Department, City of San Antonio, Texas**
- **Samuel A. (Sam) May, PWLF, City Manager, City of Margate, Florida**
- **Robert Mitchard, Public Works Director, Village of Algonquin, Illinois**
- **Nan Newlon, P.E., Director of Public Works, Village of Downers Grove, Illinois**

- **James W. Patteson, P.E., Director, Fairfax County DPW & Environmental Services, Fairfax, Virginia**
- **Larry Schneider, Streets Superintendent, City of Fort Collins, Colorado**
- **Josh Watkins, P.E., Water Utility Manager, City of Redding, California**
- **Paul Q. Woodard, P.E., Director of Public Works, City of Janesville, Wisconsin**

“The Top Ten Public Works Leaders Award aims to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials,” said APWA Executive Director Scott Grayson. “Since its inception in 1960, the Top Ten Leaders award program has recognized 580 men and women who reflect the highest career standards of professional conduct for public works officials. The APWA Top Ten represent the best of the public works profession, and they are all to be highly commended on this honor.”

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 30,000 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, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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