



2017

AWARDS PROGRAM

































Acknowledging the difference people make in life is a powerful action. The APWA AWARDS program was established to recognize outstanding individuals, groups and organizations 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.

2017 APWA Branch and Chapter Award Submittals

The Chicago Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association is pleased to present this call for award applications for branch, chapter and national consideration. Awards are listed below. Award criteria and nomination forms are available by clicking on the links below or visiting www.apwa.net/awards/CriteriaAndNominationForms.















APWA Awards Recognizing the Members

Requires that nominees be APWA members in good standing.

Awards	Criteria	Nomination Form	National	Chapter	Branch
Award of Merit (need not be a member of APWA)	see pg. 4	see pg. 8			
Community Involvement Award					
Contractor of the Year Award (need not be a member of APWA)	see pg. 4	see pg. 8			
Charles Walter Nichols Award for Environmental Excellence					
Distinguished Service to Public Works Award					
Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education					
Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service					
International Service Award					
Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Administrative Management					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Engineering and Technology					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Facilities and Grounds					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Public Fleet					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Public Right-Of-Way					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Emergency Management					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Solid Waste					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Transportation					
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Water Resources					
Samuel Greeley Award	see pg. 5	see pg. 8			
Service Improvement	see pg. 5	see pg. 8			
Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award					
Hall of Fame	see pg. 5	see pg. 8			

APWA Awards Recognizing the Profession

Membership in APWA is not required. The intent of these awards is to focus beyond membership into the profession of public works.

Awards	Criteria	Nomination Form	National	Chapter	Branch
Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works					
Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award					
Exceptional Performance Award (6 categories)					
Public Works Project of the Year Award					
Public Works Project of the Year Award – Small Cities/Rural Communities					
Technical Innovation Award and Management Innovation Award					
Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award					

Submitting an application to the local Branch Chairperson for your geographic area will satisfy the chapter level application. The Branch will then choose its nominees for endorsement and submittal at the Chapter level. Chapter only awards should be submitted to the Chapter Chair. The Chapter will then choose its nominees for endorsement and submittal at the national level. Those choosing to submit solely for national consideration may do so on their own, but they will not receive chapter endorsement. Although this is not a formal requirement for most categories, chapter endorsement has some influence on the selection committee's evaluation.

Deadlines

Please follow the submittal guidelines outlined on page 7 of this brochure, and submit the required material by the appropriate deadline to:

FOX VALLEY BRANCH
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The following pages provide a brief description of each APWA award. Eligibility criteria for each award is outlined in detail on the national guidelines and nomination forms, available through the link on the Chicago Metro Chapter website at chicago.apwa.net.

APWA Awards Recognizing the Members

AWARD OF MERIT

This award is given to an individual at the operational level (first line supervisor or below) who performs his/her responsibilities in an exceptionally efficient and courteous manner. Nominees need not be a member of the APWA, but must have been employed by a Public Works related agency for a period of not less than five years.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

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.

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

These awards will be presented by the individual branches of the Chapter to deserving contractors. Each contractor nominated for this award will receive a letter from the Chapter acknowledging that they have been nominated. These awards give recognition to contractors who have provided exceptional and continued service to Public Works. It is recognition for those contractors, large or small, who are always available to provide help and assistance in both scheduled activities and emergency situations. A nomination for this award says, "Thanks for all the help."

CHARLES WALTER NICHOLS AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

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.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO PUBLIC WORKS AWARD

To promote and enhance the purposes of APWA. This award is regarded as the highest honor that APWA can bestow. Established in 1935 as the Honorary Membership Award, this honor is intended to indicate to the greatest possible extent APWA's esteem, respect and regard.

DONALD C. STONE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

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.

HARRY S. SWEARINGEN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER SERVICE

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.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

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.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR CHAPTER EXCELLENCE (PACE)

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.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

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.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

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.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - PUBLIC FLEET

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.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

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.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - SOLID WASTE

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.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - TRANSPORTATION

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.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - WATER RESOURCES

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.

SAMUEL A. GREELEY AWARD

This award recognizes dedicated and continued service to a local public agency excluding State or Federal agencies. The nominee must have been employed for thirty or more years by the local agency, and must have been a member of APWA for fifteen or more years.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT AWARD

This award is given to a community/department that has initiated a new community service or improved on an existing one. Emphasis will be placed on level of service performed, cost savings, and integration with other service/facilities. The purpose of this award is to promote and enhance the operations/maintenance function of Public Works.

MYRON CALKINS YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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.

HALL OF FAME

The Chicago Metro Chapter has established a number of awards and events in which individuals, agencies and private sector firms are recognized for their efforts and accomplishments. The purpose of this award is to establish criteria for the nomination, selection and induction of an individual into the Chapter "Hall of Fame."

APWA Awards Recognizing the Profession

COMMENDATION FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO PUBLIC WORKS

To recognize an eminent government or other public service leader for far-reaching positive impact on local, state or national public works programs, services, or policies through distinguished public service and commitment. Established in 1972 and previously known as the Distinguished Service Award, this award particularly recognizes leadership in furthering the mission and goals of APWA.

EXCELLENCE IN SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AWARD

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.

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AWARD

Established in 1996, this award recognizes individuals, teams, or organizations in the areas of adversity, journalism, and safety whose outstanding contributions in the course of performance raises the level of public awareness of the profession.

In 2010, a Chapter Journalism award was established to recognize chapters for their excellence in communication through magazines, newsletters and other publications.

Adversity Recognizes exceptional performance in the face of adversity in service to the public.

Diversity Recognizes individuals or agencies for exceptional performance and contributions to promote diversity practices.

Journalism 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 both broadcast and print mediums.

Chapter Journalism Recognizes chapters for their newsletters, magazines and/or other publications. Chapter nominated materials will be judged on quality, content, creativity and design. All nominated publications must have been originally printed within the past two years.

Safety Recognizes exceptional performance in the area of safety.

Sustainability Recognizes exceptional performance in the area of sustainability.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

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.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR SMALL CITIES/RURAL COMMUNITIES

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, 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.

TECHNICAL INNOVATION AWARD AND MANAGEMENT INNOVATION AWARD

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.

TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS LEADERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

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.

Submittal Procedures

The Chapter utilizes the standard national APWA awards templates, available through the on line link at chicago.apwa.net, which provides the selection guidelines and nomination information required for each award category. There is no limit to the number of award nominations you can make. Award applicants also need to provide supplemental information for press release and notification which includes the CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATION FORM AND PHOTOS in both hard copy and electronic format. Use the checklist below to ensure that your application is complete before submitting:

Ten (10) hard copies of your original award submittal. Be sure to address the selection criteria for your particular award and include any photos that you would like the selection committee to consider in their evaluation.

Ten (10) hard copies of the national award application form for your specific category.

Ten (10) hard copies of completed Chapter award nomination form.

Two (2) compact disks (CD) with electronic copies of the following data:

1. Original award submittal.
2. National award application form for your specific category.
3. Chapter award nomination form.
4. Digital Photograph or graphic of award entrant or project. Only one or two photos will be used, so pick your best photo that represents your nomination. (.jpg preferred but .tif, .pdf or .gif accepted)

Chapter Award Nomination Form

Please type this information exactly as requested. It will be cut and pasted into a database.

Award Category Submitted:	
Nominee: (as printed on plaque)	
Title of Project: (if applicable)	
150 word summary of award application highlights: (this will be used for the press release)	
Award Contact Name: (this must be the awardee) Salutation (Mr., Mrs, Ms.)	
First Name	
Last Name	
Job Title	
Company/Agency	
Address1	
Address 2	
City	
Postal Code	
Contact email:	
Contact Phone:	
Secondary Contact: (for courtesy notification of award only – all official contact will be with the awardee) Name Agency/Company Address City, State Zip	
Secondary Contact email:	
Secondary Contact Phone:	