

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

Purpose The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Administrative Management recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of administration within the public works field who inspires excellence, leadership and dedication to the public good.

Eligibility Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is the management of administrative functions in support of a public works department. Administrative Management functions may include, but not be limited to, human resources, financial/business operations, information technology, procurement, safety and/or office management. 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.

Employment Candidates may be employed in either the public or private sector; however, career service must be in the field of public works, specifically providing agency support in the administrative management field.

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

Selection The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

Criteria Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

Profession 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.

Employment Achievement Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of administrative services.

Customer Service Evidence 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 Support 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. Nomination of a candidate is limited to one Professional Manager of the Year Award per year. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate's professional work.

Deadline March 1, 2022 (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

2021	Adrienne Todd, Departmental Personnel Officer, Contra Costa County, CA
2020	Laurie Suggang, P.E., Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer, City of Dublin, CA
2019	Amber Kerwin, Executive Management Advisor, Office of the City Manager, City of Tucson, AZ
2018	Florinda O. Langilotti, Operations Manager, City of Pasadena, CA
2017	Carys Lustig, Supervisor of Administration, Department of Public Works, Needham, MA
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