

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

Purpose The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Rights-of-Way recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of public rights-of-way management, within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership and dedication to the public good.

Eligibility Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is in rights-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 Rights-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.

Employment Candidates may be employed in either the public or private sector; however, career service must be in the field of public rights-of-way management.

Scope Candidates must manage and have made significant contributions to the advancement of public rights-of-way.

Selection The award winner is selected by the Professional Manager and Snow and Ice Award Committee.

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

Profession Significant contributions to the advancement of Public Rights-of-Way management.

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

Innovation Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective public rights-of-way management.

Employment Achievement Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of public rights-of-way operations.

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

Community Service Promotion of the field of public rights-of-way 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

2020	Gabriel Elias, Field Operations Superintendent, Tolleson, AZ
2019	John DeLeire, Director of Right-of-Way Bureau, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Boston, MA
2018	Tod Fagan, Manager, Right-of-Way, Spire, St. Louis, MO
2017	Pamela Marquis, Right-of-Way Compliance Manager, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Boston, MA
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
2011	Jennifer D. Walker, SR/WA, Right-of-Way Supervisor, Pierce County Public Works and Utilities, Tacoma, WA