

COMMENDATION FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO PUBLIC WORKS

Purpose To recognize an elected or appointed government service leader for far-reaching impact on local, state or national public works programs, services or policies through exemplary public service and commitment. This award particularly recognizes leadership in furthering the mission and goals of public works.

Eligibility Nonmembers of APWA who are recognized leaders that have made a positive impact or significant contributions to the public works field. Candidates may be any elected or appointed official from local, state or federal government.

Selection The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects one award winner.

Criteria Applications should address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process:

1. Identify significant contributions to the public works field – provide specific information about the nominee’s involvement and services provided to further the mission and goals of public works
2. Describe the nominee’s positive impact – provide specific information related to the nominee’s actions that created a positive impact on public works

Nomination Process Nominations may be made by an APWA chapter or individual APWA members. Submissions are limited to ten pages. The ten pages do not include a letter of introduction from the chapter/nominator or the nomination form.

Deadline March 1, 2022 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation The award winner is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX or other appropriate venue and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients In 2017 the Citation for Exemplary Service to Public Works was changed to the Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works

2020 David Gilling’s, Public Assistance Officer, California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services

2017 Thomas J. Weisner, Mayor (retired), City of Aurora, IL, Northwest Water Planning Alliance

2016 Kevin Western, State Bridge Engineer, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Oakdale, MN

2015 Ann Chanecka, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, Dept. of Transportation, City of Tucson, AZ

2014 Joseph C. Serra, State Representative, State of CT

2012 Congressman James McGovern, MA, United States House of Representatives

2011 Senator James M. Inhofe, OK, United States Senate