

Purpose A series of awards to recognize exceptional performance in individuals, teams, or organizations in the areas of Adversity, Diversity, Journalism (non-chapter), Journalism (chapter), Safety and Sustainability whose outstanding contributions in the course of performance raises the level of the public works profession.

- Background**
- **Adversity:** Recognizes exceptional performance in the face of adversity in service to the public. Demonstrates going above or beyond the normal call of service to a situation where the individual, team or organization responded to a condition marked by misfortune, calamity or distress.
 - **Diversity:** Recognizes individuals or agencies for exceptional performance and contributions to promote diversity practices. Diversity is not an affirmative action or an equal opportunity program. Diversity values different perspectives and provides a process or program for inclusiveness to all.
 - **Journalism (non-chapter):** 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 either broadcast or print mediums.
 - **Journalism (chapter):** Recognizes exceptional performance at the chapter level for their newsletters, magazines and/or other publications and broadcast mediums.
 - **Safety:** Recognizes exceptional performance in the area of safety.
 - **Sustainability:** Recognizes exceptional performance that demonstrates outstanding contributions to sustainability in public works. Sustainability is accomplished by the efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best choice in the long term.

Eligibility Candidates may be an individual, team or group of individuals or organizations. APWA membership is not required. When documenting your Exceptional Performance Award in Adversity, Diversity, Journalism, Safety or Sustainability, please include and address any sustainable practices or solutions. Only APWA chapters can submit for an Exceptional Performance Award in Journalism (chapter). All nominated publications and broadcast mediums must have been originally printed within the past two years.

Selection The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

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

1. Describe the complexity of the challenges – provide specific information related to the challenge identified and the approach utilized to address them
2. Explain the positive impact and long-term benefits to public works – provide specific information related to the long-term benefits and operational efficiencies realized to public works

The journalism categories will be evaluated for quality, content, creativity and design.

Nomination Process Nominations may be made by an APWA chapter, entity, or individual APWA members or nonmembers. Submittals must include nomination form and documentation supporting the purpose of the award and the award’s eligibility requirements. Submission for Exceptional Performance Award – Journalism must include the actual article/publication/transcript or link to the material such as website or video. 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 winners are presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and are featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

2021	<i>Adversity</i>	Peter D'Agostino, Administrative Services Mgr, Village of Lake in the Hills, IL
	<i>Diversity</i>	Equitable Tree Distribution in Des Moines, IA
	<i>Journalism</i>	Derecho Cleanup Communications, Des Moines, DPW, IA
	<i>Chapter Journalism</i>	Raise our Grade, Minnesota Chapter
	<i>Safety</i>	Tyson Hollis, CHST, QSP, Safety Manager, City of Henderson, NV
	<i>Sustainability</i>	Vincent Stetson, Superintendent of Street Services, PWD, Town of South Windsor, CT