

Purpose To recognize an individual, team or organization for the development, management and implementation of a creative idea, program, process, or system that enhances the delivery of public works services to the public. A technical innovation involves materials, design and equipment such as pinch valves, a carbon fiber reinforced bridge, etc.

Eligibility Anyone actively involved in the public works profession is eligible. APWA membership is not required.

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

Criteria Innovations will be judged on the overall positive effect it has made on the agency, the public and/or the community relative to the delivery of public works services that are new and creative methods and programs. These may include, but are not limited to, materials, design, or equipment that improves efficiency, disseminates information, or educates the public and/or personnel. The innovations must be proven cost effective and sustainable success that have been implemented and demonstrate a significant advancement, rather than the result of natural evolution of existing methods, common sense or good practice. The innovations must be well-documented and presented in a manner that describes the deficiency and/or challenge and the results of innovation implementation.

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

1. Describe the complexity of the innovation – provide specific information related to the challenge identified and the innovation utilized to address
2. Explain the innovation’s positive impact – provide specific information related to the long-term benefits and operational efficiencies realized to public works
3. Describe the approach utilized to create the innovation – provide detailed information on the originality and approach utilized to create the technical innovation

Nomination Process Nominations may be made by any public agency or APWA chapter. Submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation. 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 PWW and are featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients

2021	Eagan GIS Mobile Workforce, City of Eagan, MN
2020	455W Wrong Way Driving Technology, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Austin, TX Water Always Wins Virtual Reality Experience, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, Las Vegas, NV
2019	Engineering and Manufacturing a Multi-Purpose Fleet, City of Calgary, AB
2018	East Valley Arterial Travel Time Map Project, City of Mesa, AZ
2017	Kansas City Smart City Infrastructure, City of Kansas City, MO
2016	Bridge Inspections Using Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Minnesota DOT, St. Paul, MN
2015	John Davis, Sign and Fabrication Supervisor, North Texas Tollway Authority
2014	Minneapolis Tablet Technology, City of Minneapolis, MN
2013	Ash Handling System, Greenway Wastewater Treatment Plant, City of London, Ontario
2012	Ash Lagoon Modifications and Upgrades at the G.E. Booth Wastewater Treatment Plant, Region of Peel/Region of York, Ontario
2010	Las Posas Basin Aquifer Storage and Recovery Program, Calleguas Municipal Water District, Thousand Oaks, CA