

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 management innovation is defined as a procedure such as a system, program or process.

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 management 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 PWX and are featured in APWA publications.

- 2021** Regional Express Lanes Concept of Operations, Southern CA Association of Governments
- 2020** In Cab Turn by Turn Navigation Routing System, Village of Nilus, IL
- 2019** MaPIT – MassDOT Project Intake Tool, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Boston, MA
- 2017** Project Server, York Region, Ontario
- 2016** Right-of-Way Management Systems, Laclede Gas Company, St. Louis, MO
- 2015** Neighborhood Partnering Program, City of Austin, TX
- 2014** Assumption of the Public Works Department, City of Junction City, KS
- 2013** Alternate Work Week Schedule, City of Fairway, KS
- 2012** Oregon Transportation Investment Act III State Bridge Delivery Program, Oregon Department of Transportation
- 2010** Public Works University, Lee’s Summit, MO