

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AWARDS

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 meeting the purpose of the award. 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 the Exceptional Performance Award in Journalism (Chapter). All nominated publications and broadcast mediums must have been originally printed within the past two years.

Selection Each category should have a cover letter from the nominator that identifies the accomplishments and attests to the nominee's positive performance in the category in which they have been nominated as well as a narrative not exceeding ten pages in length, explaining the basis for the nomination in the following areas described below.

- Complexity and severity of the challenges addressed
- Use of original/innovative/effective approaches
- Impact and long term benefits to public works
- The journalism awards will be judged additionally on quality, content, creativity and design.

Determination of the award recipients will depend (in large part) on information provided in the narrative section of the nomination.

If submitting for journalism awards please include the date that your publication or broadcast medium (website, video, etc.,) were created in your cover letter.

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

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.

Deadline March 4, 2019 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation The winners are presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and are featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients	2018	<i>Adversity</i>	Jonathan Beder, Director of Public Works, Town of Plymouth, MA City of West Kelowna, BC, 2017 Freshet Event Response
		<i>Diversity</i>	John Lozada, Manager of Federal Programs, Office of Diversity & Civil Rights, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Boston, MA
		<i>Journalism</i>	Addressing Citizen Requests for Traffic Safety Concerns Guidebook, Minnesota Local Road Research Board, St. Paul, MN
		<i>Chapter Journalism</i>	You're Welcome Video, Chicago Metro Chapter
		<i>Safety</i>	City of Surrey, BC, Public Works
	<i>Sustainability</i>	City of Frisco, TX, Water Resources Division	
	2017	<i>Adversity</i>	The Great Flood: Emergency Response and Recovery, Warwick Sewer Authority, Warwick, RI
		<i>Journalism</i>	Public Works Video, City of Surrey, British Columbia
		<i>Chapter Journalism</i>	70th Anniversary Video, Minnesota Chapter History Committee
		<i>Sustainability</i>	Natick Department of Public Works, Town of Natick, MA