

Purpose To recognize an individual, team, or organization for the development, or implementation of a creative idea, device, 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 The following criteria are used in the selection process:

- 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.
- Innovations can be nominated for new and creative methods and programs that may include, but not limited to, materials, design, or equipment, that improves, efficiency, are cost effective, disseminate information, or educates the public and/or personnel and result in exceptional delivery of public works services that improves the quality of life.
- Innovations must be proven cost effective and a sustainable success. It is not merely an idea that has merit and may be successful in the future. The innovation must be the successful implementation of new methods or new technologies.
- Innovations must be significant advancements, rather than the result of natural evolution of existing methods, common sense or good practice.
- The innovation must be well-documented and presented in a manner that describes the deficiency and/or challenge and the results of innovation implementation. Innovators, their teams and/or their agencies/employers must disclose sufficient information about the innovation for the Awards Committee review.

Nomination Process Nominations can be made by any public agency or APWA chapter. Submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation.

Deadline March 1, 2018 (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

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
2009	EZBase/EZBasePlus, JEA, Jacksonville, FL Sperry Piltz Ice Accumulation Index
2008	Snow Emergency Notification Call Center, City of Saint Paul, MN, Public Works Department
2007	Georgetown County, SC, Public Works
2006	McHenry County Liquid Blending System, McHenry County Division of Transportation, Woodstock, IL