

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD SOLID WASTE

Purpose The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Solid Waste category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of solid waste management professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional management, operation, and maintenance of public sector solid waste operations.

Eligibility Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is the management of a public works solid waste operation is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Solid Waste Management Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the Committee.

Career Length Candidates with a minimum of 10 years of qualifying experience may be nominated.

Agency Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in the management of a public sector solid waste operation.

Scope Candidates must manage a significantly diversified solid waste operation, i.e., landfill, collection, incineration and recycling operations or a combination of those.

Selection The award winner is selected by the Awards Committee.

Criteria The criteria used in the selection process include:

Profession Significant contributions in the advancement of solid waste management.

Leadership Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of solid waste management.

Innovation Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology and advancing the effectiveness of solid waste management.

Agency Service Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of solid waste operations.

Customer Service Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.

Community Service Promotion of the field of solid waste management in the community, agency, or customers served.

Sustainability Supporting the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nomination Process Any group, individual or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate's professional work.

Deadline March 1, 2018 (electronic submittals only)

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

Former Recipients

2017	Thomas Hladick, Deputy Director of Public Works and Highway/Sanitation Division Supervisor, Town of Natick, MA
2016	Mike Mundell, Solid Waste Manager, City of Braunfels, TX
2015	Chris Bussen, Solid Waste Superintendent, City of Lee's Summit, MO
2014	Harvey E. Howard, Superintendent of Waste Management, City of Norfolk, VA
2013	Monica Bramble, Solid Waste Manager, City of North Port, FL
2012	Carl Michaud, Director, Department of Environmental Services, Hennepin County, MN
2011	Steve Wamback, Solid Waste Administrator, Pierce County WA, Public Works and Utilities
2010	Richard L. Wieman, Solid Waste Utility Manager, City of Columbia, MO
2009	Ronnie M. Owens, Commissioner, Division of Waste Collection and Disposal, City of Cleveland, OH
2008	Edwin H. Marr, Solid Waste Administrator, City of Greenville, SC
2007	David A. Pelsler, P.E., Director, Waste Management & Recycling, Sacramento County, CA
2006	Robert Anderson, Superintendent of Solid Waste, City of Columbia, SC