

2024 AWARDS PROGRAM



Acknowledging the difference people make in life is a powerful action. The APWA AWARDS program was established to recognize outstanding individuals, groups and organizations representing the best in the public works profession. By recognizing professional contributions, public works professionals promote an atmosphere of mutual respect and provide a way to grow and achieve.

2024 APWA BRANCH AND CHAPTER AWARD SUBMITTALS

The Chicago Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association is pleased to present this call for award applications for branch, chapter and national consideration. Awards are listed below. Award category descriptions for all branch and chapter awards are included on pages 4 and 5. Additional criteria and nomination forms for national award categories are available by visiting <https://www.apwa.org/resources/apwa-awards/>.

APWA AWARDS RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS

Requires that nominees be APWA members in good standing.

Awards	National	Chapter	Branch
Award for Excellence in Education	✓	✓	✓
Award of Merit (need not be a member)		✓	✓
Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service	✓	✓	✓
Community Involvement Award		✓	✓
Contractor of the Year Award (need not be a member)		✓	✓
Distinguished Service to Public Service Award		✓	✓
Hall of Fame Award		✓	✓
International Service Award		✓	✓
Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award	✓	✓	✓
Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)	✓		
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Administrative Management	✓	✓	✓
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Engineering and Technology	✓	✓	✓
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Facilities and Grounds	✓	✓	✓
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Public Fleet	✓	✓	✓
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Public Rights-Of-Way	✓	✓	✓
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Public Works Emergency Management	✓	✓	✓
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Solid Waste	✓	✓	✓
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Transportation	✓	✓	✓
Professional Manager of the Year Award - Water Resources	✓	✓	✓
Public Works Project of the Year Award	✓	✓	✓
Samuel Greeley Award		✓	✓
Service Improvement Award		✓	✓
Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award	✓	✓	✓

APWA PUBLIC WORKS INDUSTRY AWARDS

Membership in APWA is not required. The intent of these awards is to focus beyond membership into the profession of public works.

Awards	National	Chapter	Branch
Asset Management Award	✓	✓	✓
Distinguished Service to Public Works	✓	✓	✓
Exceptional Performance Award in all Categories		✓	✓
Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award	✓		
Management Innovation Award	✓	✓	✓
Public Works Project of the Year Award - Small Cities/Rural Communities	✓		
Technical Innovation Award	✓	✓	✓

Submitting an application to the local Branch Chairperson for your geographic area will satisfy the chapter level application. The Branch will then choose its nominees for endorsement and submittal at the Chapter level. Chapter only awards should be submitted to the Chapter Chair. The Chapter will then choose its nominees for endorsement and submittal at the national level. Those choosing to submit solely for national consideration may do so on their own, but they will not receive chapter endorsement. Although this is not a formal requirement for most categories, chapter endorsement has some influence on the selection committee's evaluation.

DEADLINES

Please follow the submittal guidelines outlined on page 7 of this brochure, and submit the required material by the appropriate deadline to:

FOX VALLEY BRANCH
 Deadline: December 8, 2023
 Julie Morrison, P.E.
 Engineering Enterprises, Inc.
 52 Wheeler Road
 Sugar Grove, IL 60554
 Phone: 630.466.6700
 jmorrison@eeiweb.com

LAKE BRANCH
 Deadline: December 8, 2023
 Leo X. Morand, P.E.
 Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.
 625 Forest Edge Drive
 Vernon Hills, IL 60061
 Phone: 847.821.6229
 lmorand@gha-engineers.com

SOUTHWEST BRANCH
 Deadline: December 8, 2023
 Alex L. Alejandro, P.E., CFM, DECI
 Edwin Hancock Engineering Co.
 9933 Roosevelt Road
 Westchester, IL 60154
 Phone: 708/865-0300
 aalejandro@ehancock.com

SUBURBAN BRANCH
 Deadline: December 8, 2023
 Matthew Cesario, P.E.
 BLA, Inc.
 333 Pierce Road, Suite 200
 Itasca, IL 60143
 Phone: 630-438-6400
 mcesario@bla-inc.com

CITY BRANCH
 Deadline: December 8, 2023
 Trevor Vogler, EIT
 Benesch
 35 W. Wacker Drive
 Chicago, IL 60601
 Phone: 312.819.8253
 TVogler@benesch.com

CHAPTER
 Deadline: December 29, 2023
 (For Chapter consideration only)
 Dan Strahan, P.E., CFM
 Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.
 625 Forest Edge Drive
 Vernon Hills, IL 60061
 Phone: 847.478.9700
 dstrahan@gha-engineers.com

The following pages provide a brief description of each APWA award.

APWA AWARDS RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

To recognize public works leaders who are also leaders in their community. To encourage public works professionals to become active leaders in their community. To ensure public trust in public works professionals through recognition of outstanding community leadership.

CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

These awards will be presented by the individual branches of the Chapter to deserving contractors. Each contractor nominated for this award will receive a letter from the Chapter acknowledging that they have been nominated. These awards give recognition to contractors who have provided exceptional and continued service to Public Works. It is recognition for those contractors, large or small, who are always available to provide help and assistance in both scheduled activities and emergency situations. A nomination for this award says, "Thanks for all the help."

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO PUBLIC WORKS AWARD

To promote and enhance the purposes of APWA. This award is regarded as the highest honor that APWA can bestow. Established in 1935 as the Honorary Membership Award, this honor is intended to indicate to the greatest possible extent APWA's esteem, respect and regard.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD

To recognize outstanding and meritorious achievement of individuals for their work in delivering educational opportunities for all levels of individuals engaged in the delivery of public works services as well as assisting in the areas of continuing and graduate professional education for public works professionals.

HALL OF FAME

The Chicago Metro Chapter has established a number of awards and events in which individuals, agencies and private sector firms are recognized for their efforts and accomplishments. The purpose of this award is to establish criteria for the nomination, selection and induction of an individual into the Chapter "Hall of Fame."

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The APWA International Service Award recognizes an APWA member who has furthered the cause of international understanding and cooperation by becoming actively involved in establishing a relationship with a public works entity from another country, or providing outstanding public works service on an international basis.

MERIT AWARD

This award is given to an individual at the operational level (first line supervisor or below) who performs his/her responsibilities in an exceptionally efficient and courteous manner. Nominees need not be a member of the APWA, but must have been employed by a Public Works related agency for a period of not less than five years.

MYRON CALKINS YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

To recognize and encourage young APWA members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes achievements at the chapter level that support APWA's strategic plan, goals, and objectives through dedicated and longstanding contributions to the chapter.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR CHAPTER EXCELLENCE (PACE)

To recognize APWA chapters for contributions made to positively impact their membership, profession, and community.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Administrative Management recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of the administration within the public works field who inspires excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Engineering and Technology recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of engineering and technology within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Facilities and Grounds recognizes the outstanding achievements in the area of facilities and/or grounds management within the public works field to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - PUBLIC FLEET

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Fleet category recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of public fleet management within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership and dedication to the public good.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Public Rights-of-Way recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of public rights-of-way management, within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Works Emergency Management recognizes the outstanding achievements in the area of public works emergency management within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - SOLID WASTE

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Solid Waste recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of solid waste management within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - TRANSPORTATION

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Transportation recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of public transportation professionals within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - WATER RESOURCES

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Water Resources recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of water resources within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management, administration, and implementation of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who work together to complete public works projects.

SAMUEL GREELEY AWARD

This award recognizes dedicated and continued service to a local public agency excluding State or Federal agencies. The nominee must have been employed for thirty or more years by the local agency, and must have been a member of APWA for fifteen or more years.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT AWARD

This award is given to a community/department that has initiated a new community service or improved on an existing one. Emphasis will be placed on level of service performed, cost savings, and integration with other service/facilities. The purpose of this award is to promote and enhance the operations/maintenance function of Public Works.

TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS LEADERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any on single event or project

APWA PUBLIC WORKS INDUSTRY AWARDS

ASSET MANAGEMENT AWARD

To recognize a team or organization for advancements made in their Asset Management (AM) System. The AM System refers to the global activities of the organization geared toward maximizing the value the community receives from infrastructure assets.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO PUBLIC WORKS AWARD

To recognize an elected or appointed government service leader for far-reaching impact on local, state or national public works programs, services, or policies through exemplary public service and commitment. This award particularly recognizes leadership in furthering the mission and goals of public works.

EXCELLENCE IN SNOW AND ICE CONTROL AWARD

The APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works snow and ice operations, and to promote the best practices in snow and ice removal while minimizing environmental impacts.

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AWARD IN ALL CATEGORIES

A series of awards to recognize individuals, teams, or organizations in the areas of Adversity, Diversity, Journalism, Safety, and Sustainability whose outstanding contributions in the course of performance raises the level of public awareness of the profession.

Adversity Recognizes exceptional performance in the face of adversity in service to the public.

Diversity Recognizes individuals or agencies for exceptional performance and contributions to promote diversity practices.

Journalism 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 both broadcast and print mediums.

Safety Recognizes exceptional performance in the area of safety.

Sustainability Recognizes exceptional performance in the area of sustainability.

MANAGEMENT INNOVATION AWARD

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.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management, administration, and implementation of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who working together to complete public works projects.

Awards are given in four divisions:

1. Projects less than \$5 million
2. Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million
3. Projects of \$25 million to \$75 million
4. Projects more than \$75 million

And Five Categories:

1. **Structures** — to include public structures or the preservation or rehabilitation of existing public structures including, municipal buildings and parks. Other structures as defined in the Historic Restoration/Preservation and Transportation categories shall not be considered in the structures category.
2. **Transportation** — to include roads, bridges, mass transit that serve any or all modes of travel, including bicycles and foot traffic. Other transportation projects as defined in the Historical Restoration/Preservation and Structures categories shall not be considered in the Transportation category.
3. **Environment** — to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, and sewer projects.
4. **Historical Restoration/Preservation** — to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, that are 75 years or older to qualify as historical.
5. **Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair** — to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

TECHNICAL INNOVATION AWARD

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.

TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS LEADERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year program seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any one single event or project.

SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

The Chapter utilizes the standard national APWA awards templates, available through the online link at <https://www.apwa.org/resources/apwa-awards/>, which provides the selection guidelines and nomination information required for each award category. There is no limit to the number of award nominations you can make. Use the checklist below to ensure that your application is complete before submitting:

Email submittal (or USB flash drive with electronic copies) of the following data:

1. Original award submittal.
2. Chapter award nomination form. (see page 8)
3. Digital Photograph or graphic of award entrant or project. Only one or two photos will be used, so pick your best photo that represents your nomination. (.jpg preferred but .tif, .pdf or .gif accepted)

Please type this information exactly as requested. It will be cut and pasted into a database.

Award Category Submitted:	
Nominee: (as printed on plaque)	
Title of Project: (if applicable)	
150 word summary of award application highlights: (this will be used for the press release)	
Award Contact Name: (this must be the awardee) Salutation (Mr., Mrs, Ms.)	
First Name	
Last Name	
Job Title	
Company/Agency	
Address1	
Address 2	
City	
Postal Code	
Contact email:	
Contact Phone:	
Secondary Contact: (for courtesy notification of award only – all official contact will be with the awardee) Name Agency/Company Address City, State Zip	
Secondary Contact email:	
Secondary Contact Phone:	