2027 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.

2027 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 5 through 12. Additional criteria and nomination forms for national award cateogories 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	✓	✓	✓
Contractor of the Year Award (need not be a member)		✓	✓
Hall of Fame Award		✓	✓
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		✓	✓
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.

Submitting an application to the local Branch Chairperson for your geographic area will satisfy the chapter level application. The Branch will then chose 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 4 of this brochure, and submit the required material by the appropriate deadline to:

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

FOX VALLEY BRANCH
Deadline: December 4, 2026
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 4, 2026
Leo X. Morand, P.E.
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.
625 Forest Edge Drive
Vernon Hills, IL 60061
Phone: 847.821.6229 l
lmorand@gha-engineers.com

SOUTHWEST BRANCH
Deadline: December 4, 2026
Alex L. Alejandro, P.E., CFM, DECI
Edwin Hancock Engineering Co.
9933 Roosevelt Road
Westchester, IL 60154
708.865.0300
aalejandro@ehancock.com

SUBURBAN BRANCH
Deadline: December 4, 2026
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 4, 2026
Trevor Vogler
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35 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
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CHAPTER
Deadline: January 4, 2027
(For Chapter consideration only)
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Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
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Warrenville, IL 60555
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SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

The Chapter utilizes the standard national APWA awards templates, available through the online link at 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 4)
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)		National Member ID #:
Title of Project: (if applicable)		Completion Date:
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 and Title Agency/Company Address City, State Zip		
Secondary Contact Email:		
Secondary Contact Phone:		

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

APWA AWARDS RECOGNIZING THE MEMBERS

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD
To recognize outstanding and mertorious achievement of indivisuals 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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applications should address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Identify accomplishments in education programs—provide specific information related to the accomplishments that attest to the nominee's positive impact in the area of continuing education and/or graduate professional programs for public works professionals at all levels
- Describe the educational challenges and approach—provide detailed information on the originality and approach utilized to create educational programs for continuing and/or graduate professional programs. (If a published document of the program was created, it may be included as an appendix.)

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE IN CHAPTER SERVICE
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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Selection is based upon consistent contributions or activities by the individual, corporate, or public agency candidate within their respective APWA chapters resulting in the enhancement of the chapter or the effectiveness of the services provided to its membership or the community on behalf of the chapter and APWA.

- Describe the nominee's record of consistent and committed service to a chapter—provide detailed information related to the leadership positions and contributions within the chapter
- Explain the nominee's positive impact on the chapter—provide specific examples that resulted in enhancements or effectiveness of the chapter
- Highlight nominee's value to the community—provide specific examples related to the nominee's chapter involvement that added significant value to the overall community.

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.

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."

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."

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.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be members of APWA in good standing for five consecutive years and not exceed 35 years of age as of the deadline of the award submittal.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applications should address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process:

- Describe significant contributions to the nominee's employer—provide specific examples where the nominee implemented new ideas, overcame problems, controlled costs, etc.
- Identify the nominee's leadership roles—provide specific examples where the nominee helped to advance the cause of the public works profession either with leadership commitments to significant community projects, as an advocate for public works issues at the legislative level in local, state, or federal governments, or chapter leadership. Provide information on awards received
- Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to continuing education in the public works field (i.e., related educational degree(s), attendance at workshops, seminars, or CEU credits, etc.)—provide specific examples of continuing education completed or classes led by the nominee
- Explain the commitment to advancing sustainability—provide specific information related to the nominee's involvement in promoting sustainability within the profession.

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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of administrative management.
- Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of administrative management.
- Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology in advancing the effectiveness of administrative management.
- Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of administrative services.
- Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- Community Service—Promotion of the field of public administrative management in the community, agency, or customers served.
- Sustainability—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of engineering and technology management.
- Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of engineering and technology management.
- Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective engineering and technology operations.
- Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of engineering and technology operations.
- Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- Community Service—Promotion of the field of engineering and technology management in the community, agency, or customers served.
- Sustainability—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of facilities and grounds management.
- Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of facilities and grounds management.
- Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective facilities and grounds management.
- Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of facilities and grounds operations.
- Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- Community Service—Promotion of the field of facilities and grounds management in the community, agency, or customers served.
- Sustainability—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - PUBLIC FLEET

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

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of public fleet management.
- Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of public fleet management.
- Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective public fleet management.
- Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of public fleet operations.
- Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- Community Service—Promotion of the field of public fleet management in the community, agency, or customers served.
- Sustainability—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

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 dedicaiton to the public good.

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of public rights-of-way management.
- Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of public rights-of-way management.
- Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective public rights-of-way management.
- Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of public rights-of-way operations.
- Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- Community Service—Promotion of the field of public rights-of-way management in the community, agency, or customers served.
- Sustainability—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

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 achievments in the area of public works emergency management within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of public works emergency management.
- Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of public works emergency management.
- Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective public works emergency management operations.
- Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of public works emergency operations.
- Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- Community Service—Promotion of the field of public works emergency management in the community, agency, or customers served.
- Sustainability—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD - SOLID WASTE

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

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Profession—Significant contributions to 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 advancing the effectiveness of solid waste management.
- Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of solid waste operations.
- Customer Service—Evidence 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—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

- Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of transportation management.
- Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of transportation management.
- Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective transportation management.
- Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of transportation operations.
- Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- Community Service—Promotion of the field of transportation management in the community, agency, or customers served.
- Sustainability—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process

- •Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of water resources management.
- • Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of water resources management.
- • Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of effective water resources management.
- •Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of water resources operations.
- •Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.
- • Community Service—Promotion of the field of water resources management in the community, agency, or customers served.

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.

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 exsiting 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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Criteria to be used in the selection process include:

- •Use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule.
- •Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program for workers and the public during and after construction, where applicable.
- • Community relations as evidenced by efforts to minimize public inconvenience due to construction, safety precautions to protect public lives and property, provision of observation areas, guided tours, or other means of improving relations between agency and the public.
- •Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project, as well as climate change and/or resiliency components for long-term community benefit.
- • Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions including, but not limited to age or condition of the facility, adverse weather, soil or other site conditions over which there is no control.
- • Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.
- • Use of alternative materials, practices, or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability, climate change resiliency, and/or use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent.

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.

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 oustanding career service achievments 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.

AWARD CRITERIA

Public sector candidates may come from any of the three following categories having a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience:

- Any non-elected employee of a federal, state, provincial, county, or municipal government who is responsible for one or more major subdivisions of a governmental agency. Most of the candidate's time and efforts must be devoted to the administration and management of the design, construction, maintenance, and/or operation of a street or highway system, refuse collection or disposal system, public building, drainage or flood control facility, airport, harbor, utilities, or any other type of public works installation
- Service in an appointed (non-elected) position on a board or commission charged with the oversight or policy level review of public works or infrastructure issues. Such service may have been at the federal, state, provincial, county, or municipal government level dealing with surface transportation systems, refuse, solid waste and recycling systems, public buildings, drainage or flood control, airports, harbors, or any other type of public works or infrastructure systems. Such positions may typically be represented by the following examples: City Manager, Public Works Commissioner, Roads Commissioner, Highway Commissioner, Transportation Commissioner, Airport Commissioner, Port Authority Commissioner, or other comparable position
- Elected officials who have prior qualifying experience from either category above may also be considered as candidates.

Private sector public works and/or civil engineering professionals having a minimum of 10 years of involvement in public sector public works activities may be eligible, if their qualifying activities have come from the following areas:

- Experience as a contract Director of Public Works/City Engineer or comparable position, which was provided by means of a contract service from a private sector firm to a governmental entity; or
- A combination of prior qualifying experience in the public sector and/or service as a consultant engaged in the provision of public works-related services to the public sector.

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 activites of the organziation geared toward maximizing the value the community receives from infrastructure assets.

AWARD CRITERIA

Asset Management will be judged on the overall positive effect it has made on the value their community receives as a result of the agency's AM System. Applications should address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process:

- Balanced decision-making—Describe how the agency has determined appropriate levels of service for an asset and how they balance it against risks and cost.
- Strategic alignment—Describe how the agency has tied their AM policy to maximizing value and aligned it with the vision, mission, and goals of the organization.
- Organizational alignment—Describe how agency staff has tied their various operations protocols, level of service analysis, program and budget development and prioritization to maximize the value the community receives from their infrastructure assets.
- Accountability—Describe the community and stakeholder engagement and public reporting component the agency provides to the community regarding how well the agency is doing to maximize value from their infrastructure assets.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO PUBLIC WORKS

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 leaderhips in furthering the mission and goals of public works.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applications should address the folloiwng specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process:

- Identify signification contributions to the public works field - provide specific information about the nominee's involvement and services provided to further the mission and goals of public works.
- Describe the nominee's positive impact - provide specific information related to the nominee's actions that create a positive impact on 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 enviromental impacts. (This category is not awarded at the branch or chapter levels. Submit applications directly to National for this award.)

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.

AWARD 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. They must have been successfully implemented and demonstrate a significant advancement, rather than be 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:

- Describe the complexity of the innovation—provide specific information related to the challenge identified and the innovation utilized to address it.
- Explain the innovation's positive impact—provide specific information related to the long-term benefits and operational efficiencies realized to public works.
- Describe the approach utilized to create the innovation—provide detailed information on the originality and approach utilized to create the management innovation.

TECHNICAL INNOVATION AWARD

To recognize an individual, team, or organization for the development or implementation of a creative idea, devidce, 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.

AWARD 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. They should not be the result of natural evolution of existing methods, common sense, or good practice, but rather a successful implementation that results in significant achievement.

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:

- Describe the complexity of the innovation—provide specific information related to the challenge identified and the innovation utilized to address.
- Explain the innovation's positive impact—provide specific information related to the long-term benefits and operational efficiencies realized to public works.
- Describe the approach utilized to create the innovation—provide detailed information on the originality and approach utilized to create the technical innovation.

