



**A call to all Illinois Chapter organizations
of the
American Public Works Association
January 15, 2021**

2021 Awards Competition Call for Entries

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

Past Project of the Year Nominees



*Celebrating Accomplishments in Public Works...
Even during a Global Pandemic!*

For further information please see the APWA Illinois Chapter web site at: <http://illinois.apwa.net/> or contact the Illinois Chapter Awards Chair, Mary Cave at (217) 201-9003 or by email at: marycave.pe@gmail.com
Thank you in advance for your participation!



The 2021 APWA award applications are now available for submission. Please review the summary of the awards below. *PLEASE NOTE* Award Categories have changed this year as they are based on the national APWA requirements. The full criteria for the national APWA award program can be found on the APWA website at: https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/About/Awards_Criteria_and_Forms.aspx

A PDF of all the awards criteria and nomination forms can be found at the website above.

APWA Chapter Member Award Categories

APWA Professional Manager of the Year Award:

- Administrative Management
- Engineering and Technology
- Facilities and Grounds
- Public Fleet
- Public Right-of-Way
- Public Works Emergency Management
- Solid Waste
- Transportation
- Water Resources

(Please note that the same candidate cannot be submitted for multiple categories in the same year)

APWA Member Service Awards:

- Community Involvement
- Distinguished Service to Public Works
- APWA Top 10 Leader of the Year (chapter is seeking nominations, application is extensive and will require significant assistance and time to prepare)

APWA Profession Service Award Categories

Commendation for Exemplary 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 leadership in furthering the mission and goals of public works.

Exceptional Performance Awards – 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

- **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.

Management Innovation - 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.

APWA Project of the Year Awards:

This category 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.

Public works projects must be developed, owned and maintained by public agencies; nominations of projects can be made by the managing agency or the consultant/architect/engineer. A project may only be nominated once under any category.

Awards are given in four divisions:

- Projects less than \$5 million
- Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million
- Projects of \$25 million, but less than \$75 million
- Projects more than \$75 million

And are divided into five categories:

- **Structures:** to include new 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.
- **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.
- **Environment:** to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, and sewer projects.
- **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.
- **Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair:** to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

Projects owned by public agencies with populations of 75,000 or less may be considered for awards in the above categories for Small Cities/Rural Communities (SC/RC); please note that there are no monetary/project cost divisions for the SC/RC award categories.

Nomination Submittal Procedures

Preferred Submittal:

Submit using the following Survey Monkey links for the various categories of awards. Use the links as many times as needed for all nominations.

Chapter Member Awards (Individual Awards):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APWA-IL-Chapter-Member-Awards>

Profession Awards:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APWA-IL-Chapter-Profession>

Project Awards:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APWA-IL-Chapter-Project-of-the-Year>

Alternative Submittal:

Fill out the attached nomination information form, with additional sheets as required, and email to marycave.pe@gmail.com or mail your nomination to:

Mary Cave
2408 W. Pinnacle Dr.
Dunlap, IL 61525

Deadline for Submittals:

If you would like your project considered for submission as an APWA National Award, please submit your nomination to the Chapter by February 15, 2021

If you would like your project to be considered for Chapter awards only, please submit your nomination form by March 12, 2021.

We encourage all project awards to be submitted early for an opportunity to be considered for a national award.

Award Presentations:

Award winners will be announced at the Virtual 2021 Illinois Chapter Conference. Awardees will be presented with a plaque for their accomplishments at a later date. Award winner's photos will be featured on future Chapter publications and the Chapter website.



Chapter Award Nomination Information Form

(Please Print or Type)

Award Category: _____

Subcategory: _____

(Division Based on Cost, if Applicable)

Nominee: _____

(as printed on plaque)

Title of Project: _____

(If Applicable)

Project Participants (as applicable):

Managing Agency: _____ Population: _____

Engineer: _____

Contractor: _____

Application Highlights (150 word summary, attach separate sheet if necessary):

Please attach photos of project or applicant (also please email photos to the awards chair)

Contact Information of Nominating Individual

Name: _____

Company / Agency: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____