

## **PUBLIC WORKS LEADER OF THE YEAR**

The Public Works Leader 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 one single event or project.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

The intent of this award is to recognize the career service accomplishments of public works professionals and officials. Candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated from any of the following categories. APWA membership is not required. Officers and members of the Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve in these positions.

1. **Public Sector Award** - Public sector candidates may come from any of the three following categories:
  - a. Any non-elected, full-time employee of a federal, state, provincial, county or municipal government, that is responsible for one or more major subdivisions of a governmental agency. Most of the candidates 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, or any other type of public works installation.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Elected officials who have prior qualifying experience from either of the previously mentioned categories may also be considered as candidates.
2. **Private Sector Award** - Private sector public works and/or civil engineering professionals having a minimum of ten (10) years of involvement in private sector of public works activities may be eligible, if their qualifying activities have come from the following areas:

- a. 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
- b. A combination of prior qualifying experience in the public sector (see Public Sector Award requirements) and/or service as a consultant engaged in the provision of public works related services to the public sector.

### **Nomination Process**

The Chapter, individual APWA members, community organizations, or public agencies may make nominations. Documentation or verifiable evidence of both professional recognition and community leadership must be included with the nomination form.

### **Deadline**

- Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee no later than **Friday, September 22, 2017.**
- The presentation shall be made during the Fall Chapter Meeting and will consist of an engraved plaque.