

Purpose To recognize individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to diversity. The American Public Works Association defines diversity as follows: Value of all individuals and different perspectives of those individuals, and providing the process for all to feel included as part of the whole. Diversity includes race, gender, creed, age, lifestyle, national origin, disability, personality, educational background, and income level. Diversity is not an affirmative action nor an equal opportunity program.

Eligibility Up to two awards may be presented annually in the following categories (one possible from each category):

1. Individual
2. Program/Organizations

Individual or program/organization nominations may come from federal, state or local government units, educational institutions, non-profit institutions and private sector organizations. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible for future consideration. APWA membership is not required.

Selection Original submittal must include nomination form and supporting documentation. Nominations must follow the format below and be sent to APWA National.

- A cover letter stating the name, address and telephone number of the nominee and the nominator, with three letters of reference that specifically identify accomplishments that attest to the nominee's positive performance in the area of diversity and that are relevant to the criteria for the award.
- A narrative, not exceeding four pages in length, explaining the basis for the nomination in the following areas:
 - Complexity and severity of the challenges addressed and organizations directed.
 - Use of original/innovative/effective approaches.
 - Impact of contributions to diversity (i.e., extent of long-term or lasting benefits of the nominee's accomplishments).
 - How diversity is integrated into all facets of the program or the efforts by the individual.
 - How efforts brought about inclusiveness and facilitated communication.
 - Determination of the award recipients will depend (in large part) on the information provided in the narrative section of the nomination. Emphasis will be on achievement and results, not simply effort.

The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winner(s).

Nomination Process Nominations may be made by a chapter, entity, or individual APWA members or nonmembers.

Deadline March 1, 2016 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation Winners are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX and featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients	<p>2015 Catherine Schoenenberger, President, Stay Safe Traffic Products, Inc. Westford, MA Public Works Equity and Human Rights Action Plan, Public Works Diversity Committee, City of Eugene, OR</p> <p>2014 Latino Engineering and Academic Day, Bolton & Menk, Inc. Mankato, MN</p> <p>2012 Careers in Public Works, City of Tacoma, Washington</p> <p>2010 CDL and Job Awareness Training, Missouri Department of Transportation District 4 and A Call to Oneness Partnership, Lee's Summit, MO</p> <p>2009 James A. Parrott, Executive Director, Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, OH City of Columbia, SC, Office of Business Opportunities</p> <p>2008 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, Illinois Tollway</p> <p>2007 Workforce Development Plan, Oregon Department of Transportation, Salem, OR</p> <p>2006 Engineering and Capital Projects Department Diversity Committee, City of San Diego, CA</p> <p>2005 School Assembly/Ocean Day Program, City of Los Angeles, CA, Stormwater Public Education Program</p> <p>2004 Division of Environmental Health & Engineering, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, AK</p> <p>2003 H. Reed Fowler, Jr., Director of Public Works, City of Newport News, VA Suzanne Crane Engineering, Inc., Milwaukie, OR</p>
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