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I'm headed into my second year of the Public Administration Graduate Program at Portland State University, with a main focus in local government administration. I am fascinated by the multifaceted nature of the public works sector, and as an emerging local government leader, I hope to continue to gain experience and knowledge in this field, as it is one of the largest components of city government. I am looking forward to working in and around public works during my career. There are so many different pieces that come together to create an effective public works organization, and I hope to be involved in providing effective services to the public, managing public works projects, and implementing innovative programs and policies that will strengthen the organization.

I am honored to receive this award, and am appreciative of the support of the APWA. I am looking forward to the 2016 Oregon APWA Spring Conference, so I can meet professionals in the field and learn firsthand about the opportunities, challenges, and future of the public works sector.