



APWA – INDIANA CHAPTER PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose The Indiana Chapter of the American Public Works (APWA) Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer and the contractor who, by working together, complete public works projects. The award will recognize those projects that promote excellence in demonstrating creativity, ingenuity and efficiency in the delivery of Public Works projects that have a profound impact on the community. The nomination must fit into one or more of the following categories:

1. Structures – to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.
2. Transportation – to include roads, bridges, mass transit, traffic calming, alternative transportation, etc.
3. Environment – to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfills, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, sustainable practices, etc.

Eligibility Public Works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, quality of life projects and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.

To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within 2 calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use.

A project may only be nominated once for recognition as “Project of the Year” under any category.

Selection Criteria to be used in the selection process include:

1. Use of good construction techniques and completion of the project on schedule.
2. Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program during construction.
3. 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 the agency and the public.

4. Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment during the project. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project.
5. Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions, including, but not limited to, the age or condition of the facility, adverse weather, soil or other site conditions over which there is no control.
6. 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.
7. Development of the project to meet a perceived need of the community.
8. Use of alternative materials, practices or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability (Use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent such as the Envision rating system to ensure project is sustainable is required if you plan to submit for a National APWA award).
9. Economic challenges that the community faced and the rationale of the option chosen.
10. Creative use of municipal resources, equipment, labor or funds that produced measurable benefits to the community.

Selection The Public Works Project(s) of the Year will be selected by a panel of judges consisting of the APWA – Indiana Chapter Scholarship/Awards Committee members and other judges appointed by the APWA – Indiana Chapter President. Membership of the panel will represent the public works field and other agencies with an active interest in the public works profession.

Nomination Process Nomination of projects can be made by the managing public agency. Please refer to the Supporting Data form for more directions.

Deadline February 4, 2022 at 5 p.m. E.S.T.

Presentation Awards winners will be recognized at the annual Indiana Chapter Golf Outing during Public Works Week in May. Winners will also be encouraged to submit their nomination at the National Level.

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