2017 PROJECT AWARDS PROGRAM

Let’s recognize the outstanding individuals, teams and projects representing the best in the public works profession. The following are award categories that the Northern California Chapter is recognizing in the 2017 Chapter Project Awards Program.

1. **Project of the Year Award**

   The APWA Public Works 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, working together, complete public works projects.

   **Eligibility:**

   One cannot nominate a project for this category. The Chapter’s Project Awards Evaluation Committee will make the determination of the recipient. The recipient will be chosen from one of the Project Award winners as outlined in Section 2 below. Only one Project of the Year Award will be issued. The project must not have won in the previous year(s) APWA NorCal Project Awards competitions.

2. **2017 Public Works Project Awards**

   **Awards are Given in Four Divisions:**

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

   **Eligibility:**

   A project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within two 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.

   The project must not have won in any category in a previous year’s NorCal Project Awards competition. Simultaneous nomination of the same project in two categories in the current year’s competition is not permitted.
Five Categories:

1. **Structures** - to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.

2. **Transportation** - to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.

3. **Environment** - to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.

4. **Historical Restoration/Preservation** - to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings and structures and facilities, etc.

5. **Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair** - to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations

3. **Project of the Year Award for Small Cities/Rural Communities**

**Eligibility:**

A project must have been "substantially completed" and available for public and/or agency use of December 31, 2016. City or County population must be 75,000 or less. A project may be nominated a maximum of one time in any category.

Five Categories:

1. **Structures** - to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.

2. **Transportation** - to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.

3. **Environment** - to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.

4. **Historical Restoration/Preservation** - to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings and structures and facilities, etc.

5. **Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair** - to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations
4. **Contractor of the Year Award**

**Eligibility:**

The purpose of the award is to promote excellence in the construction of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects. The contractor nominated for this award must show the firm’s connection to public works projects.

Previous recipients of this award are not eligible for future consideration for three years after receipt of the award.

5. **Exceptional Performance Award / Sustainability Practices Award**

This award’s intent is to recognize individuals, teams or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to promote sustainability in public works. Sustainability is accomplished by the efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best choices in the long term.

**Eligibility:**

Up to two awards may be presented annually in the following categories (one possible from each category): Individual, Program/Organization or Agency.

Nominations may come from federal, state or local government; educational institutions; nonprofit institutions; and private sector organizations. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA members who serve on the Center for Sustainability are not eligible during the time they serve in this capacity.

Previous recipients of this award are not eligible for future consideration for three years after the receipt of the award.

**Nomination Deadline**

The deadline for submitting nomination forms is **5:00 p.m. PST, Wednesday, December 28, 2016.** ONLY ELECTRONIC SUBMITTALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**Presentation**

Award nominees and winners will be recognized at the Northern California Chapter Awards Ceremony luncheon held on Thursday, February 23, 2017.

A designated representative of the public agency, contractor, and consultant are presented one award at the Project Awards Luncheon. Additional trophies will be available for purchase from the Chapter. Winners will be featured in APWA publications and on the web site.

Project Award competition winners (who are members in good standing at the time of the NorCal Chapter’s submittals to the APWA National competition) will be forwarded to National APWA for
consideration of a national award. National award winners will be announced at the 2017 APWA PWX (Public Works Expo) in Orlando, Florida, in August 2017. The only exception is the Contractor of the Year award as this award category is a local Chapter level award only.

Nomination Process

Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or APWA chapters unless otherwise noted. Where available, criteria for the APWA NorCal Chapter Project Awards competition are based on the APWA National project awards competition criteria.

Simultaneous nomination of the same project in two categories is not permitted. Nominations not chosen in a specific year for the Public Works Project of the Year Award or the Public Works Project of the Year – Small Cities/Rural Communities Award cannot be resubmitted in a subsequent year in the same category nor be submitted in another category in the current year’s competition. A project that won in a previous year cannot win again in the current year’s competition regardless of category.

Membership to APWA or the NorCal Chapter is not required to participate in the competition. Nominations and APWA NorCal Chapter winners can come from APWA membership or from those who are not members. However, a winning entry is only eligible to be submitted to National APWA competition if the winner holds active APWA membership at the time the entry is submitted to the National APWA competition, and if an project awards category exists at a national level.

For more information on membership, please contact us at: apwanorcal@gmail.com or call (510) 932-3203.

Nomination Forms

Visit the NorCal Chapter website for nomination forms for each category: http://northernca.apwa.net .

Nominations for all awards shall be accepted via electronic format only. (Please be sure the nomination forms and supporting documents are submitted in a PDF version using the naming convention noted on each nomination form.) Forms and supporting documentation should be typed in 11-point font. Handwritten forms and documentation will not be considered. Nomination forms not filled out in their entirety, as well as providing incomplete supporting documentation, will lose points during the evaluation process.

Please adhere to the page limits as noted within each nomination form. Supporting documentation and the nomination forms need to be typed in 11-point font. Submittals should include nomination form and all supporting documentation. Two photographs per entry are requested for APWA promotional purposes. (Failure to provide photographs will not disqualify your entry into the competition.) One copy of the submittal is required per nomination.

Submittal documents must be saved and emailed to the Chapter Administrator per the instructions contained within each nomination form.

If you have any questions, please email the Chapter Administrator at: apwanorcal@gmail.com or call (510) 932-3203.