PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose
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.

Awards are given in four divisions:
1. Projects less than $5 million
2. Projects of $5 million, but less than $25 million
3. Projects of $25 million to $75 million
4. Projects more than $75 million

And 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, 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.

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

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Selection
Criteria to be used in the selection process include:
1. Use of good construction management 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 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. Use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent (such as the Envision rating system) to ensure project is sustainable.

The Project of the Year Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

Nomination Process
Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or APWA chapters. Please refer to the General Announcement form for more directions.

Nomination Forms
Visit the Chapter website for nomination form in each category: http://northernca.apwa.net

All forms must be filled out in their entirety or they will be discounted and sent back to you. Nominations for all awards shall be sent via electronic format only (Please be sure the nomination forms and attachments are submitted in a word document format with supporting document in a PDF version in order to ensure accuracy. Handwritten form will be returned for revisions.

Please save the documents adding the following information in the extension at the end of the award you are applying for:

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- The award you are applying for
- The company name or agency
- The Title/Name of the Nominee

EXAMPLE: 2015_Project_of_the_Year_WatertownBridge_Watertown/or/ConsultingGroup

**Deadline**
December 23, 2015 AT 5:00 p.m. (electronic submittals only)

**Presentation**
A designated representative of the public agency, contractor, and consultant are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during, and winners are featured in APWA publications. Please e-mail nomination forms (FILLABLE WORD DOCUMENT) and pdf supporting documents to: Gigi MacTaggart, Chapter Administrator, at apwanorcal@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Gigi via email or call (510) 932-3203.

Award nominees and winners will be recognized at the Northern California Chapter Awards Ceremony luncheon held on Thursday, February 25, 2016. More information to follow.

All Northern California Chapter Award winners will be forwarded to National APWA for consideration of a national award as part of the 2016 APWA PWX, Public Works Expo in Minneapolis MN, August 28-31, 2016. More information to follow for Chapter Award winners.