PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR SMALL CITIES/RURAL COMMUNITIES

**Purpose**

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award for agencies from cities or counties with a population of 75,000 or less is established to promote excellence in demonstrating creativity, ingenuity, and efficiency in the delivery of Public Works projects that have a profound impact on the community. The award does not have a fixed dollar amount and can include, but is not limited to, the following categories: structures, environmental, historic preservation, emergency response, or transportation projects that have created a positive impact on the life of the community.

The Award is given for impact in the community as compared to a dollar amount.

The categories which could be included are:

1. Structures - to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.
2. Transportation - to include roads, bridges, transit, traffic calming, etc.
3. Environment - to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill projects, sewer projects, sustainable practices.
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, 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 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 be nominated a maximum of one time for the award in any category.

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Selection
Criteria to be used in the selection process include:
1. Development of the project to meet a perceived need of the community
2. Use of alternative materials, practices, or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability.
3. Unique or unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions that dictated the defined action.
4. Economic challenges that the community faced and the rationale of the option chosen.
5. Creative use of municipal resources, equipment, labor, or funds that produced measurable benefits to the community.
6. Construction processes that minimize the impact to the community and its residents during construction.
7. Demonstrate awareness of opportunities for environmental preservation during the project and how they were incorporated in the project design and construction.
8. 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.

The Project of the Year Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winner(s).

Nomination Process
Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or APWA Chapters.

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:

- 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

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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.