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Denver Marriott
West, Golden



CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) is requesting abstracts for presentation at the 12th Annual Chapter Conference to be held October 26 & 27, 2026. The conference will be held at the Denver Marriott West in Golden. We are interested in creative and innovative presentations. You are invited to speak and share your public works experiences.

The theme for the 2026 Conference is **Exploring Creativity in Project Solutions**.

While it is easy and tempting to fall back on the “way it’s always been done” the reality is some of the traditional tools, methods, and strategies Public Works professionals use to develop project solutions are at risk of becoming obsolete. Whether by applying new technology – especially through the development, growth, and application of artificial intelligence – or discovering novel ways to address familiar challenges, the industry continues to evolve and has growing access to intriguing problem-solving techniques and project solutions that didn’t exist a mere five years ago.

The committee is calling for papers that explore creativity in developing project solutions. Whether it be a new way to solve old problems or developing and applying a technology solution, we are seeking examples of creativity in the ways our industry developed project solutions over the last year. Come share your ideas and equip your fellow Public Works professionals with creative solutions!

We invite public works professionals, innovators, and community leaders to submit session proposals that think beyond the ordinary. This year, we’re looking for sessions that spark discussion and actively engage the audience in fresh and meaningful ways.

We’re looking for sessions that do more than inform—sessions that involve. Bring your best ideas through interactive discussions, real-world case studies, or collaborative problem-solving. Share how your work, project, or research is driving innovation, improving efficiency, or enhancing community impact in public works.

Help us create a conference experience that reflects the creativity, collaboration, and forward-thinking spirit that define our profession. Submit your proposal today and join us in shaping the future of public works—together.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be held at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Boulevard, Golden, Colorado.

Conference registration will begin in July.

Speakers will receive conference registration for the day of their presentation. If you wish to attend the other day of the conference, there is a one-day registration fee.

ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL FORM

Submittals will only be accepted using the submittal form available on the Colorado Chapter website! Please complete the submittal form and return via email to Pamela at bdweimer@msn.com by May 1, 2026. You will receive a confirmation email. We anticipate notifying speakers of their selection by the week of June 1, 2026.

