



2026 APWA COLORADO AWARDS PROGRAM

“It’s Time to Share Your Accomplishments!”

The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association requests nominations for the 2026 Awards Program. This will be the 41st year of this celebration of Public Works. Awards will be presented in each category for extraordinary Colorado projects and programs as well as individual achievement. Nominations are limited to **NEW** projects that have not been previously submitted for an award to this program. Projects eligible for this year’s awards would have been completed between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

The APWA Colorado Chapter judges will be selecting one Project / Program of the Year from all the nominations submitted regardless of category and community size. Please note: ***Eligible public works projects and programs must be developed, owned and maintained by public agencies.*** The Project/Program of the Year/category winners will be expected to be submitted to the APWA National Awards program. The Chapter Board encourages all nominations submit to the National APWA Awards Program.

You may nominate more than one project/program per category, but each nomination must be submitted separately. More than one nomination in the same category from the same agency is not exclusionary!

Nominations are due by midnight MDT, August 3, 2026!
(This deadline will not be extended)

Nominations will only be accepted using the Awards Nomination Submittal Form for Projects/Programs available on the Colorado Chapter website <https://colorado.apwa.org>. Please complete the submittal form and return the nomination and photos via email to bdweimer@msn.com. You will receive a confirmation email. If you don’t receive confirmation or if you have questions, please contact Pamela Weimer, Colorado Chapter Administrator, at 303.979.2190.

A description of the required items on the submittal form are listed below. When submitting your nomination, please make sure you fill out the form completely addressing **all** the criteria listed below. You may include up to four (4) digital pictures (jpeg format in as high resolution as possible). It is also helpful if you label the photos. Please submit photos **separately** (not embedded in the document):

- **Name of nominated Project, Program or Individual** (Individual Award information on next page)
- **Nomination’s Agency and Department**
- **Category of the Nomination (choose ONE per nomination)**

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administration	Software implementations, accreditation attainment, certification programs, education programs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structures	Public Structures, preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation	Roads, bridges, mass transit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parks and Trails	Parks, trails, pedestrian and bicycle facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment	Treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation, sewer projects, water projects, flood control, pipeline.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operations / Maintenance	Maintenance operations are defined as scheduled actions or programs that are regularly completed by public works departments. Includes preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance and recurring maintenance or rehabilitation of buildings, structures or infrastructure such as roadways, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, facilities, etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disaster or Emergency Construction, Repair, or Response	Emergency response projects and activities; may include techniques and timing for safety, community relations efforts, environmental protection efforts, adverse conditions overcome and additional considerations in response to disasters or emergency situations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainability	Efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best choice in the long term.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Outreach	Recognition of a public works agency that has developed public outreach programs or special events such as Public Works Week activities that demonstrates awareness and understanding of public works operations and issues, promotes the value of public works and educates the public

- **Community Category:**
 - Small Community (under 25,000 in population)
 - Medium Community (25,000-100,000 in population)
 - Large Community (over 100,000 in population)
- **Accomplishment for the nominated Project or Program**
- **Criteria Participation**
 - **Innovation:** Has the program/project found new methods to provide better service to the public or to internal customers?
 - **Achievement:** Did the completed project or program achieve all set goals?
 - **Transferable:** Is the resulting improvement and innovation transferable to other communities and situations?
 - **Cooperation:** Was there special cooperation between individuals, agencies, citizens, businesses and the general public?
- **Three sentences to summarize the nomination**

Individual Award Nomination Information

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Leader	To recognize and encourage young APWA members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service. Nominee must be with organization for a minimum of one year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding Public Works Employee	This award is given to an individual at the operational level (first line supervisor or below) who performs his/her responsibilities at an exceptionally efficient and courteous manner. Nominees need not be a member of APWA, but must have been employed by a public works-related agency for a period of not less than five years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Manager of the Year – Administrative Management	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Administrative Management seeks to recognize outstanding achievement in the area of administration within the public works field and to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career achievements of administrative professionals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Manager of the Year - Transportation	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Transportation category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership, and management of public transportation professionals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Manager of the Year – Water Resources (Water and Sewer)	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Water Resources category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership and management of potable water and sanitary sewer professionals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Manager of the Year – Fleet Maintenance	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Public Fleet category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements and exceptional leadership of public fleet management professionals. .
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Manager of the Year – Drainage and Flood Control	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Drainage and Flood Control category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements and exceptional leadership of stormwater management and flood control professionals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Manager of the Year - Engineer	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Engineering category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership and management of engineering professionals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Accomplishment for the nominated individual</i>• <i>Criteria Participation</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Profession:</i> Significant contributions to the advancement of professional discipline.• <i>Leadership:</i> Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing techniques in the field.• <i>Innovation:</i> Employment of new and innovative ideas resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of operations.• <i>Achievement:</i> Achievement of desired outcomes and a consistent history of achievement.• <i>Customer Service:</i> Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.• <i>Three sentences to summarize the nomination</i>	