



## 2025 Public Works Project of the Year Award

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

**Purpose:** The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management, administration and implementation of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who working together to complete public works projects.

Awards are given in one of four applicable 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

In the categories of:

- A. Structures** – to include new public structures or the preservation or rehabilitation of existing public structures including, municipal buildings and parks. Other structures as defined in the Historic Restoration/Preservation and Transportation categories shall not be considered in the structures category.
- B. Transportation** – to include roads, bridges, mass transit that serve any or all modes of travel, including bicycles and foot traffic. Other transportation projects as defined in the Historical Restoration/Preservation and Structures categories shall not be considered in the Transportation category.
- C. Environment** – to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, and sewer projects.
- D. Historical Restoration/Preservation** – to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, that are 75 years or older to qualify as historical.
- E. 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 projects must be developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies. To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use by December 31, 2024. 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.

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

**Criteria:** In your submittal, address the following criteria:

1. Use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule. (Include details on time savings or explain why the project exceeded the original schedule).
2. Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program during construction (include details of any lost-time accidents)
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 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 alternative materials, practices or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and/or use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent.

**Deadline: 12:00 Noon (Arizona Time), Monday, February 17, 2025 (only electronic submittals accepted)-late nominations will not be considered by the Awards Committee**

**Presentation:** The winner is presented with a statue for the project owner, primary design consultant and primary contractor at the Awards Recognition Ceremony Luncheon during the Statewide Conference and featured in APWA publications. All applications will be forwarded by the Arizona Chapter to the APWA National Awards Committee for national award consideration. The Arizona Chapter and APWA National may make award selections in each category that differ.

**Email nomination and attachment(s) to:**

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**Attention: AZAPWA Awards Committee**