

Purpose Established (2001) The OPWA 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 \$2 million
2. projects of \$2 million to \$10 million
3. projects of \$10 million to \$50 million
4. projects more than \$50 million

From Five (5) 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 project, etc.
4. Historical Restoration/Preservation- to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings and 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 For the Purpose of this award, public works are defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, waste water, 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 segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use. A project may only be awarded “Project of the Year” once.

Nomination Process Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or OPWA chapter or branches.

For 2021 submissions, Award Winners will be asked to present their project at OPWA’s Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony. A digital presentation submission will be requested prior to the conference with a suggested length for each presentation of a maximum 3 minutes.

Awards will be presented during the OPWA Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony taking place on January 20, 2022.

Nominations shall be submitted directly to:

Adam Lachhman – Awards Committee Chair
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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 precaution 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; and
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

Deadline November 30, 2021

Presentation Award Winners will be asked to present their project via the digital submission, at OPWA's Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony to be held on January 20, 2022. In addition, designated representatives from the public agency, contractor and consultant (one each) will be sent a framed certificate of the Award.