

Purpose To recognize an individual, team, or organization for the development, management and implementation of a creative idea, device, process or system that enhances the goals of public works in serving the public and protecting the environment.

Eligibility Anyone actively involved in the public works profession is eligible, OPWA membership is not required.

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 Virtual 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 The following criteria are used in the selection process:

1. Each nominated innovation is judged on its effect upon the provision of goods and services to the public. It can be an innovation in the process itself or in the materials, design, equipment, administration, management training, procurement of, etc., that improves, informs or educates the delivery of public services and improving the quality of life. A project can be nominated for its innovative concepts or methods.
2. The innovation must be a proven success. It must have had a positive and important effect on, improving the quality of, or reduce the cost of delivery of public works goods and services. Innovation is the implementation of new methods and new technologies. It is not merely an idea that has merit and may be successful in the future.
3. The innovation must be a significant advance, not just a natural evolution of existing methods, common sense or good practice.
4. The innovation must be documented and presentable. Innovators, their teams and/or their agencies/ employers must disclose sufficient information about the innovation to allow documentation for the Awards Committee.

The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

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.