

Purpose

The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Solid Waste recognizes outstanding achievements in the area of solid waste management within the public works field and to inspire excellence, leadership, and dedication to the public good.

Eligibility

Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is the management of a public works solid waste operation is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Solid Waste Management Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the committee.

Career Length—Candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated.

Employment—Candidates may be employed in either the public or private sector; however, career service must be in the field of solid waste.

Scope—Candidates must manage a significantly diversified solid waste operation, i.e., landfill, collection, incineration, and recycling operations or a combination of these.

Selection

The award winner is selected by the Professional Manager and Snow and Ice Award Committee.

Criteria

Candidates must address the following specific criteria, which will be evaluated in the selection process.

Profession—Significant contributions to the advancement of solid waste management.

Leadership—Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of solid waste management.

Innovation—Employment of new and innovative ideas advancing the effectiveness of solid waste management.

Employment Achievement—Implementation of effective methods to optimize management of solid waste operations.

Customer Service—Evidence of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.

Community Service—Promotion of the field of solid waste management in the community, agency, or customers served.

Sustainability—Support the advancement of sustainable contributions in public works.

Nomination Process

Any group, individual, or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. Nomination of a candidate is limited to one Professional Manager of the Year Award per year. Submittal should include supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate's professional work.