

**PURPOSE** To recognize public works leaders who are also leaders in their community. To encourage public works professionals to become active leaders in their community. To ensure public trust in public works professionals through recognition of outstanding community leadership.

**ELIGIBILITY** Candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an active member of APWA.
2. Be an active leader in the community, demonstrated through volunteering significant time and/or personal resources to work with charitable organizations, educational organizations, health organizations, community service groups, and/or has participated in significant community projects or programs which improve the quality of life in the community.  
(Service to community groups that do not encourage multi-cultural, gender, or religious diversity—or are politically oriented, are not deemed appropriate for meeting the purpose of this criteria.)
3. Provide a positive role model for other public works professionals.

**SELECTION** The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects no more than two (2) candidates annually for receipt of the award. The Awards Committee may seek the advice and council of the Leadership and Management Committee in making its determination. The award need not be given in any year that the Awards Committee deems that there are insufficient nominations to create meaningful competition or where there are no outstanding candidates.

**NOMINATION PROCESS** Nominations may be made by an APWA chapter, individual APWA members, community organization, or public agency. Documentation or verifiable evidence of both professional recognition and community leadership must be included with the nomination form. Six copies of submittal are required. These materials should be sent to APWA National. Materials submitted in support of nomination will not be returned.

**DEADLINE** March 2, 2009

**PRESENTATION** The winner(s) is presented with a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition and featured in APWA's publications.

**FORMER RECIPIENTS**

- 2008** Eric K. Dargan, Deputy Director, Right-of-Way and Fleet Maintenance Div., City of Houston, TX
- 2007** Richard P. Merson, Director of Public Works, Needham, MA
- 2006** Daniel F. Moretti, Public Works Director, Village of Pinecrest, FL
- 2005** Judith H. Grant, Financial Services Administrator, Department of Public Works, City of Newport News, VA
- 2004** Ronald F. Ribaric, Assistant Project Manager, Orange County Public Works, FL
- 2003** Dennis Walaker, Director of Operations, City of Fargo, ND
- 2002** Richard C. Keeney, Public Works Director, City of Punta Gorda, FL
- 2001** Ron Ford, Park Department Superintendent, City of Aurora, IL
- 2000** Barbara J. Huner, Public Works Director, City of Longmont, CO  
Dan Mikkelson, City Engineer, City of Salisbury, NC