

# PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

## TRANSPORTATION

**PURPOSE** The Professional Manger of the Year Award in the Transportation category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public transportation professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management by an individual through a significant transportation related project or program.

**ELIGIBILITY** Any APWA member whose primary responsibility is the management of the planning, design, operation and/or maintenance of transportation projects or programs is eligible. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Transportation Committee members are not eligible. Specific eligibility requirements include:

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

**Agency** Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in transportation.

**Scope** Candidates must manage the planning, design, operation, services and/or maintenance of transportation projects or programs.

**SELECTION** The award winner is selected by a panel of judges appointed by the APWA President. Membership of the panel represents the public works field and other agencies with an active interest in the public works profession.

**CRITERIA** The criteria used in the selection process include:

**Profession** Significant contributions to the advancement of transportation management.

**Leadership** Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing progressive management techniques in the area of transportation management.

**Innovation** Employment of new and innovative ideas and technology resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of transportation management.

**Agency Service** Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of transportation operations.

**Customer Service** Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.

**Community Service** Promotion of the field of transportation management in the community, agency or customers served.

**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. Original submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and candidate's professional work. Six copies of the submittal are required. These materials should be sent to APWA National. Materials submitted for supporting documentation will not be returned.

**DEADLINE** March 2, 2009

**PRESENTATION** The winner 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** Maria Valero, Traffic Operations Manager, City of San Antonio, TX
- 2007** Tom Zlotkowski, Director, Department of Transportation, Sacramento County, CA
- 2006** J.C. Wood, P.E., Director of Maintenance, North Texas Tollway Authority, Plano, TX
- 2005** Jim G. Humphrey, Director, Charlotte Department of Transportation, Charlotte, NC
- 2004** Alice M. Amrein, Director of Transportation, Johnson County Transit, Department of Infrastructure and Transportation, Johnson County, KS