

# Professional Manager of the Year Award Public Fleet

**Purpose** The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Public Fleet category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public fleet management professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management of public sector fleets.

**Eligibility** Any individual whose primary responsibility is the management of a public works fleet is eligible. APWA membership is required. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Fleet Services 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 the management of a public sector fleet.

**Scope** Candidates must manage a significantly diversified fleet of equipment utilized in providing essential public service functions.

**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 public fleet management.

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

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

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

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

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

**Nomination Process** Any governmental entity, group, or individual 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 3, 2008

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

**Former Recipients**

- 2007** T.J. Sorensen, Operations Superintendent, City of Green Bay, WI
- 2006** Gary Smith, Equipment Services Manager, City of Greensboro, NC
- 2005** George L. Schwarz, Director, Bureau of Vehicle Management, City of Harrisburg, PA
- 2004** James D. Gorby, Director, Department of Vehicle Services, Fairfax County, VA
- 2002** Dennis Banka, Public Works Manager, City of Lenexa, KS
- 2001** Robert T. Degnan, Commissioner, Department of Fleet Management, City of Chicago, IL