

Missouri Chapter APWA Awards Program



Awards Overview

Each year Missouri Chapter APWA recognizes those working in the public works industry and the projects that enhance the communities throughout the state.

These awards are designed to celebrate the achievements made by dedicated public works professionals and promote the industry to the citizens in their neighborhoods.

Awards

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Vince Tallo Service Award – **March 19 Due Date**

John Collins Service Award

Public Works Leader of the Year Award – Public

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Young Professional of the Year Award

Public Works Project of the Year Award – Less than \$1,000,000

Public Works Project of the Year Award – \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000

Public Works Project of the Year Award – More than \$3,000,000

Deadline and Award Presentation:

- Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee no later than **September 21**.
- The presentation shall be made during the Fall Chapter Meeting and will consist of an engraved plaque.

D2 Award

The D Squared Award is the highest recognition award presented by the Missouri Chapter of APWA. It was established in 1992 to recognize individuals who exemplify excellence and dedication in serving the public and the public interest through outstanding achievements and performance in the field of Public Works.

The D Squared Award was named to commemorate and recognize the services of Mr. Allan B. Dieckgraefe and Mr. Walter Davison, who both worked untiringly on behalf of APWA, the Missouri Chapter and the goals of the organization.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Candidates must be active members of APWA for at least 10 years and have made significant contributions to the field of Public Works. APWA membership is required. Members of the Chapter Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the board.
- Candidates must possess a minimum of 10 years of qualifying experience in the public works field.
- Candidates must manage a diverse engineering and technology service delivery program characterized by creative engineering activities with a record of developing/utilizing/leveraging technology.

Selection Criteria:

The criteria used in the selection and evaluation process include:

- APWA Service - Outstanding leadership and contributions to the Missouri Chapter and/or St. Louis Branch of APWA.
- Other Professional Organizations - Significant contributions to the advancement of Engineering and Technology by participating in professional organizations.
- Agency Service - Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of engineering and technological operations.
- Community Service - Promotion of the field of engineering and technology management in the community, agency or customers served.

Nomination Process:

Individual APWA members, community organizations, or a public agency may make nominations. It is the responsibility of the nominator to furnish supporting documentation.

Vince Tallo Service Award

The Vincent Tallo Service Award is presented by the Missouri Chapter APWA to employees of member organizations, municipalities, or firms who have completed thirty or more years of service to the public with a single organization, municipality or firm.

Vince was an active member in the APWA for over 17 years. He first became a member in 1985 and became the St. Louis Branch Chairman in 1990, was the Missouri Chapter President in 1998 and remained active in the APWA up to his retirement. Vince passed away shortly after his retirement from Laclede in 2002.

The Tallo Service Awards are named after Vince Tallo who was a long time employee of Laclede Gas Company, and long time active member of the APWA and strong supporter of public works. Before Tallo's death, the same recognition was awarded under "longevity service award", which was bestowed on people with 30 years of continuous service with the same City or Agency. Vince worked at Laclede Gas from 1958 to 2001. In the 43 years he worked at Laclede, he held a number of positions through out his career including the position of Manager of Right of Way. In this position, Vince was the company's liaison with the 90 municipalities, City, County and State Officials and Highway Departments in the St. Louis Metropolitan area. He was the ultimate professional in his approach on everything he did and worked tirelessly in promoting fellowship with everybody he met. Before Tallo's death, this award was called "Over 30 Years of Service Award."

Eligibility Requirements:

- Nominees must be employees of an APWA member organization, municipality, or firm.
- Nominee must have served for a minimum of 30 years with the same organization, municipalitly, or firm.
- The organization, municipality or firm must be a member of the Missouri Chapter at the time the nomination is made but does not have to have been a member for the entire 30 year award period.

Nomination Process:

Organization, municipality, or firm must send letter nominating eligible employees stating employees name, current position, and term of service to the Chairman or to a member of the Chapter Awards Committee.

Selection Criteria:

The criteria used in the selection and evaluation process include:

- 30 years service with a single member organization, municipality, or firm.

John Collins Service Award

The John Collins Service Award is presented by the Missouri Chapter APWA to members who have shown exceptional dedication and service to the Chapter and Branch over the past year and throughout their career.

This Award is meant to highlight John Collin's consistent and committed Service to the Missouri Chapter and the positive impact he had on both the Chapter and Branch. In addition, the Award serves as a tribute from the membership of the Missouri Chapter and St. Louis Branch to John, who was our friend, our mentor, and a hard working APWA volunteer & leader who left us too soon.

John joined APWA in August 1998 and soon became involved in several committees. John served APWA in a leadership role for 13 consecutive years, including as Chair of the St. Louis Branch in 2010, before becoming Director of Communications for the Chapter in 2011, a position he held until his passing.

In addition to these Board Leadership roles, John also served many years on the Audit Committee, Awards and Historical Committee, the Ken Yost golf scramble committee, and helped to update the Chapter By-laws and Strategic Plan. Most recently, John was co-chair of the PWX 2021 Fundraising Committee.

After graduating from University of Missouri – Rolla in 1987 with a Civil Engineering Degree, John worked for the Cities of Bridgeton, Clayton, and Wildwood, all within St. Louis County, Missouri as a Civil Engineer. He began employment the City of Ellisville, also in St. Louis County, in 1996 where he served as the Assistant City Engineer until his passing in November 2019. John was married for over 30 years to Ruth Collins and raised three children. He made positive impacts to the City of Ellisville, his family, and dedicated much of his discretionary time to American Public Works Association.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Nominees must be employees of an APWA member organization, municipality, or firm.
- Missouri Chapter APWA Board Members are eligible for this award.

Selection Criteria:

The criteria used in the selection and evaluation process include:

- Individual has shown exceptional dedication and service to the Chapter and Branch over the past year and throughout their career.

Nomination Process:

Individual APWA members, community organizations, or a public agency may make nominations. It is the responsibility of the nominator to furnish supporting documentation.

Public Works Leader of the Year Award - Public

The Public Works Leader of the Year award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any one single event or project.

Eligibility Requirements:

The intent of this award is to recognize the career service accomplishments of public works professionals and officials. Candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated from any of the following categories. APWA membership is not required. Officers and members of the Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve in these positions.

Public Sector Award - Public sector candidates may come from any of the three following categories:

- Any non-elected, full-time employee of a federal, state, provincial, county or municipal government, that is responsible for one or more major subdivisions of a governmental agency. Most of the candidates time and efforts must be devoted to the administration and management of the design, construction, maintenance and/or operation of a street or highway system, refuse collection or disposal system, public building, drainage or flood control facility, airport, harbor, or any other type of public works installation.
- Service in an appointed (non-elected) position on a board or commission charged with the oversight or policy level review of public works or infrastructure issues. Such service may have been at the federal, state, provincial, county or municipal government level dealing with surface transportation systems, refuse, solid waste, and recycling systems, public buildings, drainage or flood control, airports, harbors, or any other type of public works or infrastructure systems. Such positions may typically be represented by the following examples: City Manager; Public Works Commissioner; Roads Commissioner; Highway Commissioner; Transportation Commissioner; Airport Commissioner; Port Authority Commissioner; or Other comparable position.
- Elected officials who have prior qualifying experience from either of the previously mentioned categories may also be considered as candidates.

Nomination Process:

The Chapter, individual APWA members, community organizations, or public agencies may make nominations. Documentation or verifiable evidence of both professional recognition and community leadership must be included with the nomination form.

Public Works Leader of the Year Award - Private

The Public Works Leader of the Year award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any one single event or project.

Eligibility Requirements:

The intent of this award is to recognize the career service accomplishments of public works professionals and officials. Candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated from any of the following categories. APWA membership is not required. Officers and members of the Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve in these positions.

Private Sector Award - Private sector public works and/or civil engineering professionals having a minimum of ten (10) years of involvement in private sector of public works activities may be eligible, if their qualifying activities have come from the following areas:

- Experience as a contract Director of Public Works/City Engineer or comparable position, which was provided by means of a contract service from a private sector firm to a governmental entity or
- A combination of prior qualifying experience in the public sector (see Public Sector Award requirements) and/or service as a consultant engaged in the provision of public works related services to the public sector.

Nomination Process:

The Chapter, individual APWA members, community organizations, or public agencies may make nominations. Documentation or verifiable evidence of both professional recognition and community leadership must be included with the nomination form.

Professional Engineer of the Year Award

The Professional Engineer of the Year Award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in the private and public sectors by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of engineering and technology professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management in the Public Works Profession.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Any individual whose primary responsibility is management of public works engineering and/or technology related activities is eligible.
- APWA membership is required. Members of the Chapter Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the board.
- Candidates must possess a minimum of 10 years of qualifying experience.
- Candidates may be employed by either the public or private sector. However, their career service must be in the area of public works engineering and technology.
- Candidates must manage a diverse engineering and technology service delivery program characterized by creative engineering activities with a record of developing/utilizing/leveraging technology.

Selection Criteria:

The criteria used in the selection and evaluation process include:

- APWA Service - Outstanding leadership and contributions to the Missouri Chapter and/or St. Louis Branch of APWA.
- Other Professional Organizations - Significant contributions to the advancement of Engineering and Technology by participating in professional organizations.
- Agency Service - Implementation of effective methods to optimize fiscal management of engineering and technology operations.
- Community Service - Promotion of the field of engineering and technology management in the community, agency or customers served.

Nomination Process:

Any group, individual, or governmental entity may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from the Chapter membership. Self-nominations are not accepted. Original submittal should include a nomination form and supporting documentation that clearly addresses the eligibility requirements and the candidate's professional work. Three copies of the submittal are required.

Young Professional Leader of the Year Award

The Young Professional Leader of The Year Award recognizes APWA members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the Association and display potential for future growth within the Association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service.

Eligibility Requirements:

Candidates must be active members of APWA for three consecutive years and not exceed 35 years of age as of the deadline of the award submittal. Please include candidate's birth date in nomination materials. The candidates must have demonstrated an ability and eagerness to act at the chapter or branch level and/or national by serving on committees, as an officer, heading projects, participating in programs or contributing in general to the well-being of the chapter.

The candidate also should have accomplished one or more of the following:

- Contributed in some significant manner to his/her public agency or company by implementing new ideas, overcoming problems, controlling costs, etc.
- Helped to advance the cause of the public works profession either with leadership commitments to significant community projects or as an advocate for public works issues at the legislative level in local, state, or federal governments.
- Demonstrated an ongoing commitment to continuing education in the public works field. (i.e., related educational degree[s], attendance at workshops, seminars, or CEU credits, etc.)
- Demonstrated an ongoing commitment to advancing sustainability within the profession.

Nomination Process:

The Chapter, individual APWA members, community organizations, or public agencies may make nominations. Documentation or verifiable evidence of both professional recognition and community leadership must be included with the nomination form.

Public Works Project of the Year Award

The Missouri Chapter APWA Public Works Project of the Year Awards were established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects.

Project Categories Include

- Less than \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000
- More than \$3,000,000

Projects Include

- Structures
- Transportation
- Environmental
- Historical Restoration/Preservation
- Disaster or Emergency
- Construction/Repair

Please address each of the following areas in your supporting documentation that pertain to the project, adhering to the sequence below when possible.

- Completion date contained in contract. Any time extensions granted should be addressed in the submittal.
- Construction schedule, management, and control techniques used.
- Safety performance and overall safety program employed during the construction phase.
- Environmental considerations including special steps taken to preserve and protect the environment, endangered species, etc., during the construction phase.
- Community relations—a summary of the efforts by the agency, consultant and contractor to protect public lives and property, minimize public inconvenience and improve relations.
- Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions, including but not limited to, adverse weather, soil or site conditions, or other occurrences over which there was no control.
- Additional considerations you would like to bring to the attention of the project review panel, such as innovations in technology and/or management applications during the project.

NOTE: Supporting documentation is limited to 10 pages, exclusive of photographs and nomination form. Photographs will be used for promotional purposes by the association. Submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation form, and photographs.

Nominated by: Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete the public works project. One of the entities must be a member of the Missouri Chapter APWA. Projects must be constructed within the Missouri Chapter APWA membership area. Awards winners may be submitted to APWA National for recognition and inclusion in the PACE Award nomination.

Questions:

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