



## Texas Chapter Technical Innovation Award Management Innovation Award

**Purpose** To recognize an individual, team, or organization for the development, management and implementation of a creative idea, device, process, or system that enhances the goals of public works in serving the public and protecting the environment.

**Eligibility** Anyone actively involved in the public works profession is eligible. APWA membership is not required.

**Selection** The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winner(s).

**Criteria** The following criteria are used in the selection process:

- Each nominated innovation is judged on its effect upon the provision of goods and services to the public. It can be an innovation in the process itself or in the materials, design, equipment, administration, management training, procurement of, etc., that improves, informs, or educates the delivery of public services and improves the quality of life. A project can be nominated for its innovative concepts or methods.
- The innovation must be a proven success. It must have had a positive and important effect on, improve the quality of, or reduce the cost of the delivery of public works goods and services. Innovation is the implementation of new methods and new technologies. It is not merely an idea that has merit and may be successful in the future.
- The innovation must be a significant advance, not just a natural evolution of existing methods, common sense or good practice.
- The innovation must be documented and presentable. Innovators, their teams and/or their agencies/employers must disclose sufficient information about the innovation to allow documentation for the Awards Committee.

**Nomination Process** Nominations may be made by any public agency or Branch. Submittal should include nomination form and supporting documentation.

**Presentation** The award winner is recognized at the Awards Banquet during the TPWA Annual Public Works Conference.