

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- » APWA's Government Affairs Committee will be in Washington DC, March 19–20, for its annual visit to Capitol Hill and to advocate for APWA's public policy priorities to Congressional leaders and federal agency officials.
- » The Engineering & Public Works Roadshow is planning to visit Detroit on March 25 to spotlight several great infrastructure projects, including [Michigan Central Station](#), which re-opened in 2023 following 35 years of vacancy. The Roadshow is a collaboration between APWA, ACEC, and ASCE, and we are looking for chapters to work with the other organizations for a local roadshow event. [Here's how you do it.](#)
- » The APWA Washington Report will publish on each of the first three Mondays of March. In between, get updates and breaking news from APWA Government Affairs on all matters affecting public works via [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
- » The Government Affairs team is open to invitations from chapters for in-person outreach and advocacy training. Contact Director of Government and Public Affairs Andrea Eales at aeales@apwa.org to schedule a visit.



MEMBERSHIP

31,975

VIDEOS

The Kansas City, Missouri Public Works Director, Michael Shaw, took time out of his busy schedule to film a "Welcome" video for this year's Snow Conference. Check out the video here:



CERTIFICATION:

Check out the newly updated APWA certification pages on the apwa.org website. We anticipate this will improve and expand access to information related to APWA certification programs, while enhancing content comprehensiveness and user-friendliness.

For more information, please contact the certification team at certification@apwa.org or visit our certification page at www.apwa.org/certification.

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ACCREDITATION

- » Burlingame, CA Public Works Department—1st accreditation
- » Dublin, OH Department of Public Works—6th accreditation
- » Palo Alto, CA Department of Public Works—3rd accreditation
- » West University Place, TX Public Works Department—2nd accreditation

2024 TOP 5 TECHNOLOGY CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Engineering and Technology Committee is looking for subject matter experts to be a part of the 2024 Top 5 Tech work groups. This year's Top 5 technologies are:

- » Artificial Intelligence—Condition Assessment Data Collection
- » Availability of Centralized Community GIS/Mapping Data
- » Lead Service Line Identification
- » Microgrids
- » Sustainability Due to Severe Events—Improving Transportation Infrastructure



If you or someone in your network has experience with any of these technologies and would like to participate in a work group, please contact ajones@apwa.org.

EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

In 2023, Chapters offered 19 sessions of APWA's four certificate programs: Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate (WMSC), Winter Maintenance Operator Certificate (WMOC), Public Fleet Management Certificate (PFMC), and Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate (FGMC). We are already planning for fall 2024. As these programs are very popular, early planning is advised. If chapters are interested in holding a certificate program locally, they should contact education@apwa.org.

The April **Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate** (virtual program) is open for registration.

[Registration Link](#)

NEW WEBINAR

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March 14, 2024. Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS)—How They Can Help in Your Workforce Development Needs.

The Workforce Development Committee is partnering with the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) to provide an overview of the VETS program and the opportunities for hiring veterans in public works departments and local governments across the country.

[Registration Link](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS

[Focus On Public Works](#)

[Tell Your Story](#)

[Education/Credentialing Calendar](#)

[Technical Committees—Your Public Works Experts!](#)

[Groups & Committees](#)

[Council of Chapters](#)

[Government Affairs](#)

• [Washington Report](#)

• [Legislative Action Center \(US\)](#)

• [Ottawa Report](#)

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March 21, 2024. Procuring and Contracting for Solid Waste and Recycling Services

Since solid waste and recycling contracts are typically long term, solid waste and recycling professionals often have limited experience with procuring and drafting contracts for these services. A successful procurement and contract can facilitate a long-term partnership that provides a reliable and quality service within the community. The discussion will include an overview of key technical provisions, considerations to reduce cost of service, and much more.

[Registration Link](#)

BE A PART OF THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION NETWORK

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee invites you to be a part of the DEI Network, which is



a collaborative platform actively dedicated to promoting value, amplifying voices, ensuring educational excellence, and creating an inclusive, diverse experience. If you are interested in joining, please email ajones@apwa.org.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED

Deadline extended for APWA Committee Nominations. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to COB March 8, 2024. For information and to submit your nomination go to [APWA Nominations - American Public Works Association](#).

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

WHENEVER POSSIBLE SAY IT WITH A VIDEO.

We've released our latest Tell Your Story (TYS) video featuring Kati Horner Gonzalez, APWA member and owner of Katigon Consult. Gonzalez visited APWA's main offices in Kansas



City to shoot footage for short- and long-form TYS videos. Click on the video link at left to hear Gonzalez share the ways her APWA membership helped her move forward in her career path from her first job to her first time stepping into the role as a public works director. Check APWA.org later this month for a release of a longer version of Kati's story. If you're interested in sharing your own story, please contact Aleatha Ezra at aezra@apwa.org or visit our designated TYS space at the upcoming Snow Conference.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS!

Voting to choose the "best of the best" in the 2024 Snow Conference Photo and Video Contests begins March 1. For the first time, we're offering prizes for first, second and third places in both contests. Winners will be announced live at the Snow Conference taking place April 28–May 1 in Kansas City, Missouri. The voting window will remain open through March 29, 2024. [Visit our Photo and Video Contests page](#) to learn more and submit your vote.

