

**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 delivery of public works services to the public.

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

**Nomination Process** Nominations of projects should be made by the managing public agency or OPWA chapter or branches.

For any issues with submission, please contact [info@opwa.ca](mailto:info@opwa.ca)

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

1. 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.
2. The innovation must be a proven success. It must have had a positive and important effect on, improving the quality of, or reducing the cost of delivery of public works goods and services. Innovation is the implementation of new methods or processes with proven results.
3. The innovation must be a significant advance, not just a natural evolution of existing methods, common sense or good practice.
4. 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.

The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

**Deadline** February 23, 2024

**Presentation** For the winning submissions, designated representatives from the public agency, contractor and consultant (one each) will be presented with a framed certificate at the annual National Public Works Week Event.