

Criteria Form

Purpose To recognize an individual, team, or organization for the development of a creative idea, device, process or system that enhances the delivery of public works services. A technical innovation involves materials, design, services and/or equipment.

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 chapteradmin@ontario.apwa.org

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 system itself or in the materials, design, equipment, technology, etc., that improves, informs or educates the delivery of public services and improves the quality of life. A technology 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 and new technologies. It is not merely an idea that has merit and may be successful in the future.
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 **March 6, 2026 to be eligible. No exceptions.**

Presentation The winner of this award will be honoured at the annual OPWA Awards Luncheon, taking place on Wednesday May 13, 2026. The event will be held at the Mississauga Grand Banquet & Event Centre.

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