

## Project Management Bootcamp for Public Works Agencies

Iowa City is looking into hosting PSMJ's Project Management Bootcamp for Public Works Agencies in their area. Iowa City was quoted \$995 per person for a minimum of 20 attendees plus travel expenses for the instructor. More information about the bootcamp can be found [here](#). APWA Iowa Chapter \*may\* sponsor the event to help offset the cost. In order to get a better understanding of the sponsorship level, if any, we need to know how many are interested in attending the training. If interested, please complete [this form](#) by 1/26.

## Iowa DOT Seeks Input for Historical Bridge Survey

The Iowa DOT and Iowa Highway Research Board have requested Bear Creek Archeology along with historians at Historical Link and Bentonsport Preservation to conduct a comprehensive update to the state's historic bridge surveys. This request includes developing a new survey for Iowa's bridges constructed between 1971 and 1985. The team is seeking the input of Iowa's county engineers, consulting engineers, and retired engineers for this new statewide survey. Your expertise in Iowa's engineering past is valuable. We ask that you take a few minutes to complete this survey. Please complete [this survey](#) by 1/26. Thank you for your assistance.

## Toys for Tots Donations

During the December Executive Committee Meeting, members donated to Toys for Tots while sporting their fun holiday gear.



## Iowa City Gets a \$4 Million Grant for Recycling!

EPA Region 7 Administrator Meg McCollister presented a \$4 million ceremonial check to the City of Iowa City, Iowa, which EPA selected for a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant. McCollister was joined by Iowa City Mayor Bruce Teague and Iowa City Director of Public Works Ron Knoche. For more information click [here](#).

## Spring Conference Registration NOW OPEN!

With all the winter storm operations in full swing this week, what better time than *now* to think about the spring conference? Registration for ALL ticket types is now open for this popular Iowa Chapter event. Early Bird pricing is available now through March 1st. There are only 64 exhibitor booth spaces and historically they sell out quickly, so don't wait, register today! Visit the [conference website](#) to see all the spring conference details



## Upcoming Training Opportunities (through LTAP & Iowa DOT)

1. Online Workshops & Webinars
  - a. [Iowa Roadway Safety Assessment Process and Discussion](#) (1/24)
  - b. [Oversize/Overweight Permitting Workshop](#) (2 parts- 1/30 and 2/6)
2. Workshops/Events
  - a. [Iowa DOT Federal Aid Overview Seminars](#) (1-24-1/25, 1/31-2/1, or 2/21-2/22)
  - b. [Appia Training](#) (2/16 or 2/26)
  - c. [Iowa Work Zone Safety Workshops](#) - various locations (2/27, 2/28, 2/29, 3/5, 3/21, 3/26, or 3/28)
  - d. [Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges](#) (4/29/24 - 5/10/24)

## Upcoming APWA Events...

- [Iowa Chapter Spring Conference](#) (4/4-4/5) – West Des Moines
- [North American Snow Conference](#) (4/28 - 5/1) - Kansas City, MO
- [PWX](#) (9/8 - 9/11) - Atlanta, GA
- Iowa Chapter Fall Conference (9/25 - 9/27) - Cedar Rapids

## Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

Did you know the Iowa Chapter has won the APWA Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence 12 times? The only way this award is won is by highlighting all the amazing things our chapter does! Please send content or photos to [Katie Eickholt](#). Photos and writeups from National Public Works Week, community outreach programs, or PWX are particularly requested. The Iowa Chapter's past PACE nominations are posted on [our website](#). Volunteers to help contribute to the write-up of the PACE nomination are also always welcome.

## Public Works Service Bureau

The Iowa [Public Works Service Bureau](#) (PWSB) provides resources for public works staff from cities of all sizes to connect with one another in order to improve work efficiencies, learn new techniques, and maximize available resources. Use the link above to check out all the PWSB has to offer. Much of the most valuable resources are available to members only, so if you haven't already, join today. Signing up as a member is easy and FREE!

## Iowa Chapter Apparel

You can order APWA Iowa Chapter apparel from Force Fitters any time. If you are interested in personally purchasing some apparel, below are the steps to create an account and start shopping. Orders take approximately 4 weeks to fulfill.

Here are the steps to ordering apparel:

- Email [blake@forcefitters.com](mailto:blake@forcefitters.com) to request an account.
- Wait for Blake to reply with your password. *Username will be your email address.*
- Once your account is established, go to [www.forcefitters.com](http://www.forcefitters.com) to login and start shopping.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about APWA or if you would like more information on one of the items listed in this newsletter, please contact Beth Richards ([brich@iastate.edu](mailto:brich@iastate.edu)).