

2024 Spring Conference

Registration fees for the 2024 APWA Iowa Chapter Spring Conference will increase on March 2nd! Be sure to [register TODAY](#) if you haven't already.

Full Conference Ticket (APWA Member) ~~\$235~~ \$260
 Full Conference Ticket (Non-APWA Member) ~~\$260~~ \$310
 Thursday-Only Ticket (*Choose Leadership or Operations track*) ~~\$80~~ \$130

Chapter Service Project

One of the Iowa Chapter's goals to achieve chapter excellence is partnership with service organizations. Just ahead of the 2024 Spring Conference, we will be participating in our first ever chapter service project at Meals from the Heartland! This event will be held on Wednesday, April 3 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Meals from the Heartland (just a 10 min drive from the Sheraton). The Iowa Chapter will be covering the cost of the supplies for the meals we will be packing, we just need YOU to volunteer your time! Our goal is to have 20 volunteers.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Meals from the Heartland Empowering people to save starving children

Did you know 1 in 8 Iowa children do not have enough to eat? Join us and help the hungry!

Help us achieve our goal of having at least 20 volunteers.

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[Sign up here](#). Want to help but can't volunteer? [Consider making a donation!](#)

Excellence in Snow and Ice Award

Congratulations to the **City of Cedar Rapids** for being the recipient of the **Excellence in Snow and Ice Award**. The APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works snow and ice operations, and to promote the best practices in snow and ice removal while minimizing environmental impacts. They will receive this award at the Snow Conference in Kansas City in April. Previous State of Iowa winners have included: City of Bettendorf (2014), City of Council Bluffs (2014) and City of Ankeny (2012).



Project of the Year Award

These awards recognize the managing agency, the consultant/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects. Projects shall be substantially complete at the time of nomination. Awards are considered for any public improvement project such as the following types of projects:

Structures
Transportation
Environment
Historical Restoration/Preservation
Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair

Subcategories for project cost for each of the above categories are:

Less than \$500,000
\$500,000, but less than \$1M
\$1M to \$2.5M
More than \$2.5M

These award nominations are to be submitted with the [Nomination Form](#). Nomination form must be submitted no later than **July 1, 2024**. All award nominations will only be accepted via email to [Eric Cowles](#). If you have any questions, please contact Eric Cowles via [email](#) or by phone at 763-258-7567.

Upcoming Training Opportunities (through LTAP)

LTAP, along with APWA and ICEA, will be sponsoring a six-part **construction inspection series**. LTAP is currently developing this training program and will provide information on registration as soon as it is available. Please contact watch our social media posts and email for further updates or subscribe to the [LTAP updates](#) here.

1. Monthly Webinars/Online Workshops
 - a. [Overview of Iowa DOT Access Management Manual](#) (03/21/24 @ 12:00 PM)
2. Workshops
 - a. [2024 Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges – 2 Week – \(NHI Course 130055\)](#) (04/29/24-05/10/24)
 - b. [2024 Excavation Safety Workshops \(6 Locations\)](#) (04/23/24 – 05/02/24)
 - c. [2024 Accessible Sidewalks and Curb Ramps: Design to Installation](#) (04/30/24)

Please contact Keith Knapp (kknapp@iastate.edu) with any questions.

Other Upcoming Events...

- [North American Snow Conference](#) - April 28-May 1, Kansas City, MO
- [National Public Works Week](#) - May 19–25, 2024
- [PWX](#) - September 8-11, Atlanta, GA
- Fall Conference - September 25-27, DoubleTree by Hilton Cedar Rapids (Sign up coming later this spring/summer)

Public Works Service Bureau

The Public Works Service Bureau (PWSB) provides a resource for public works staff members from cities of all sizes to connect with and learn from others how best to improve work efficiencies, learn new techniques, and maximize available resources. If you haven't joined already, [check out their website](#).

APWA Committees

We are always looking for volunteers to serve on our committees. Please take a look at our current [committees](#) and see if there is an area in which you would like to get involved. We are currently looking for someone to take over the **social media** committee so if you have a passion for social media and would be willing to help out, please email [Beth Richards](#).

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 email [Beth Richards](#).