

Chapter Service Project

Thank you to everyone who participated in our chapter service project at Meals from the Heartland! We were able to assemble 17,928 packages, enough to feed 69 children for a year!



Top 10 Award

One of the most prestigious public works awards is sponsored each year by APWA: the Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. The honorees are awarded this recognition for their professionalism, expertise, and personal dedication to improving the quality of life in their communities through the advancement of public works services and technology.

Our own Adam Smith, City of Des Moines Public Works Deputy Director, is one of this year's recipients of the award for all of his contributions to public works and the community. Adam has dedicated his entire 31+ year career to public works by serving in multiple leadership roles within the City of Des Moines and the Iowa Chapter, leading the training and testing of a statewide certification program for wastewater collection system workers, and so much more!. Congratulations to Adam! Adam's achievement marks **twelve** Top 10 winners in a row for the Iowa Chapter, maintaining our APWA record for the most consecutive Top 10 winners from one chapter! Adam will be presented with this prestigious award on May 22 with a reception to follow. **See the attached flyer for information about the May 22 reception.**

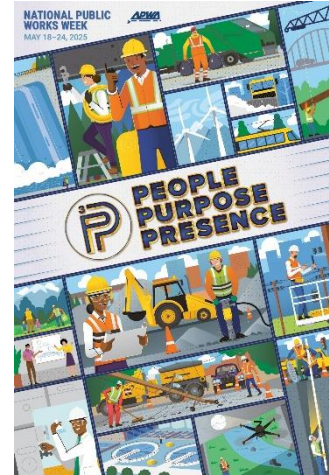


Adam Smith, Iowa's newest Top 10 winner

National Public Works Week (NPWW)

This year's theme, "People, Purpose, Presence," highlights three cornerstone ideals that motivate public works professionals to serve in their communities every day. Meeting the needs of people is what gives public works its sense of purpose. Many times, public works professionals will never meet those whose lives have been impacted because when things are going right, no one knows that public works is there. Yet, with or without fanfare, public works is ever present, working in the background to advance quality of life for all.

NPWW is May 18-24. If your city is doing something to celebrate, the chapter wants to hear about it! Please [email Rob Kline](#) and he can highlight your activity on our website.



Mentorship Program

Mentorship has long been a key element in the success of great leaders, and the Iowa Chapter of APWA is committed to continuing that tradition by creating a strong, sustainable mentorship program. While on-the-job mentoring is common, our Iowa Chapter recognizes the need for broader guidance in career development, leadership, and technical skills—especially for emerging professionals. To support this, the Iowa Chapter is looking to develop a mentorship program, built on the success and experience of other chapters. Key steps include securing chapter commitment, defining program goals, forming a steering committee, recruiting mentors and mentees, and providing ongoing support.

If you are interested in either being a mentee or mentor, please fill out [this survey](#).

Attention Young Professionals!

APWA is providing each chapter with one complimentary registration for a young professional to attend both the [Young Professionals \(YP\) Summit](#) and [PWX 2025](#) in Chicago, Illinois. To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- Must be 35 years old or younger to qualify as a Young Professional.
- Must be able to attend both the YP Summit (August 16) and PWX (August 17-20, 2025) in Chicago, IL.
- Must pay for their travel expenses either on their own or with the assistance of their employer or chapter.
- Anyone already registered for the YP Summit or PWX unfortunately is not eligible to receive one of these complimentary registrations since the offer is not retroactive.



If you would like to be considered for the Iowa Chapter's submission, please submit the following via [email Sara Kappos](#) **by May 30:**

1. Your name, agency/company, address, and email,
2. a letter or email from your employer verifying they support your attendance at these conferences, and
3. if you do or do not need financial assistance from the chapter for your travel expenses.

T-shirts

The Iowa Chapter partnered with RAYGUN to develop some unique T-shirts based on ideas submitted by chapter members. These shirts are available for purchase:

<https://www.rayguncustom.com/collections/apwa-iowa-chapter>. If your city would like to place a bulk order (minimum of 25 of one design/color combo), please [email Beth Richards](#).



PWSB City Salary Survey

Have you ever wondered what other cities are paying their public works employees? Don't want to conduct an expensive compensation study? The PWSB can help, but they need your data first! Go to www.IowaPWSB.org/salary-survey-reports to find the forms and instructions.

Project of the Year Award

There is still time to submit for Project of the Year Awards. Using the [Nomination Form.](#), submit via email to [Eric Cowles](#) no later than **July 1, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Cowles via [email](#) or by phone at 763-258-7567.

Upcoming Training Opportunities (through LTAP)

1. Monthly Webinars/Online Workshops
 - a. [Pavement Management Resources for Local Agencies](#) (5/15/25)
2. Workshops
 - a. [Motor Grader Workshops](#) (05/08-05/15- various locations)
 - b. MUTCD Overview (5/14 – [Cedar Rapids](#), 5/15 - [Waverly](#), 5/20 - [Ames](#), 5/21 – [Atlantic](#), 5/22 – [Storm Lake](#), 6/5/25 – [Fairfield](#))
 - c. [Pavement Management Resources for Local Agencies](#) (5/15/25 in Ames)

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

Other Upcoming Events...

- [National Public Works Week](#) - May 19–25, 2024
- [Utility Permitting Best Practice Training](#) - May 22, June 5, and June 12
- [PWX](#) – August 17-20, 2025, Chicago, IL
- Fall Conference - - October 1-3, 2025, Des Moines Embassy Suites

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. If you are interested in getting more involved in the Iowa Chapter, please [fill out this survey](#).

Congratulations!

**ADAM
SMITH**



Join us for Adam's 2025 TOP TEN Public Works Leader Award presentation and help celebrate his successful career and continued dedication to Public Works!



Award will be presented by former APWA President Larry Stevens



Thursday, May 22nd



3:30 p.m.



**1700 Maury Street
Des Moines, IA 50317**

A reception will follow at the Iowa Taproom (215 E 3rd St.) from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

