

We want your nominations NOW!

The Florida Chapter’s Award Program offers an excellent opportunity to recognize projects, individuals, and firms for a job well done!

Each year the Florida Chapter recognizes the awardees at our Annual Conference and Exposition (<http://www.floridapublicworksexpo.com>). Applicants of parallel National Award categories may also be eligible for submittal with Chapter endorsement for National Awards.

Self-nominations for Florida Awards are permitted.

Award Levels

There are three levels of awards, i.e., awards that can be awarded at the Chapter *and* National level, awards that are awarded at the Chapter level only, and awards that are awarded at the National level only. Please check each level carefully and prepare your award submissions accordingly. Each of these levels has their own requirements and submission deadlines. Our Awards Committee members are available to assist you in sorting out the levels and categories within those levels so your submissions will fit in the best possible category. You are welcome to submit awards in more than one category or level. You can submit awards directly to the National office; however, we *highly recommend* that you contact our Awards Committee before doing so. There is a complexity in doing that, and we can assist you in preparing more competitive submissions.

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National *and* Florida Chapter Award Level Submissions

The categories of awards at this level can be submitted for *both* Chapter and National recognition. These awards are awarded at both levels. If your submission is selected for Chapter level recognition, our Chapter leadership will automatically consider forwarding for the National competition. It is not necessary to have a Florida endorsement to submit to National, but Florida Chapter endorsement is highly recommended. If you submit an award to the National APWA offices before obtaining a Florida Chapter endorsement, we cannot add it to your submittal. The files become locked once they are submitted. That's why we need to endorse your award *before* it's submitted for National consideration.

For information concerning the submission of **National *and* Florida Chapter Awards**, please check the National APWA website at:

http://www.apwa.net/MYAPWA/About/Awards/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/About/Awards.aspx?hkey=fc7361ea-1f80-492f-a41a-98620053a187

There is a link on that page that will take you to each individual award for the Forms and Criteria you will need to use. **Note:** Awards at this level are to be submitted using the National forms *and* the National award submission criteria! Submit the National forms to our Florida Chapter Awards Committee for consideration. Also note that some of the requirements have changed for some of these awards. Helpful hints in submitting these awards can be found at:

http://www.apwa.net/Library/about/awards/2017/17.Helpful_Hints_and_Tips_for_Awards.pdf

Your award submissions will be much more competitive if you carefully read the individual award criteria and deliberately and sufficiently respond to each of the criteria requirements. It would be very helpful if you made titles in your submission for each of the criteria you describe. For project nominations, please attach detailed information on the project results, any unique aspects of the project, including budget information and funding sources, grants, partnerships, schedule data, and high resolution photos. Attachments such as photos, charts, graphics, are strongly encouraged. See the National award criteria for more information.

For individual nominations, describe the reason why the nominee should be considered. Include accomplishments, recommendations, results of a specific action or project, or any information to help the Committee make the decision.

Please keep in mind the absolute deadline for **National *and* Florida Chapter** award submittals is:

February 1st, 2018

There will be no exceptions! Applications must be delivered and in our hands (or more correctly, to our computers) by close of business on this day.

Awards that can be submitted at the **National *and* Florida Chapter Level** are:

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- All Project of the Year Awards
- Community Involvement Award
- Diversity Exemplary Practices Awards
- Young Leader Award
- Technical Innovation Awards
- Management Innovation Awards
- Professional Manager of the Year Award for Administrative Management

Please see either the National website at the link above or our **Chapter Awards Descriptions and Criteria** page for more information about what is needed for each of these awards.

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National Award Level Submissions

The awards in this level can *only* be submitted for National consideration. There is no Florida Chapter Level award equivalent for these categories. Check the National APWA website for information about submitting these awards at:

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There is a link on that page that will take you to each individual award for the Forms and Criteria you will need to use. **Note:** Awards at this level are to be submitted using the National forms *and* the National award submission criteria! Although you do not have to submit the National Award Level Submissions to our Florida Chapter Awards Committee for consideration, we can give you constructive advice before they are submitted Nationally. Also note that some of the requirements have changed for some of these awards.

Helpful hints in submitting these awards can be found at:

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Awards that can *only* be submitted at the **National Award Level** are:

- Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year
- Sustainability Practices Award
- Public Works Project of the year for Small Cities/Rural Communities
- Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence
- Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works
- Exceptional Performance Award in:
 - Adversity
 - Diversity
 - Journalism
 - Chapter Journalism
 - Safety
 - Sustainability
- Professional Manager of the Year Award for:
 - Engineering and Technology
 - Facilities and Grounds
 - Public Fleet
 - Public Right-of-Way
 - Public Works Emergency Management
 - Solid Waste

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- Transportation
- Water Resources
- Charles Walter Nichols Award for Environmental Excellence
- Distinguished Service to Public Works Award
- Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education
- Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service
- International Service Award

Please keep in mind the absolute deadline for **National Award Level** award submittals is:

March 1st, 2018!

There will be no exceptions! Applications must be delivered and in National's hands (or more correctly, to their computers) by close of business on that day. If you would like our Florida Awards Committee to review and assist you in submitting an award in the National Award Level, please submit them to us at least by February 1st, 2018!

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The awards in this category can *only* be submitted for Florida Chapter awards. These awards do not have a National counterpart. Please see the Florida Chapter Awards Descriptions and Criteria page for more information about these awards. There is no specific format in which to submit these awards, but limit your submittal to the descriptions listed for these awards. Also, include contact information about the nominee and the submitter / contact person, i.e., Name, Address, Agency, Phone Numbers, email address, etc.

We strongly encourage nominations in all of the following Florida Chapter Award Level awards that can *only* be awarded from our Chapter:

- Florida Chapter "Contractor" of the Year Award in these categories:
 - Building and Grounds
 - Roads and Highways
 - Solid Waste
 - Wastewater / Water
 - Stormwater
- Florida Chapter "Consultant" of the Year Award in these categories:
 - Building and Grounds
 - Roads and Highways
 - Solid Waste
 - Wastewater / Water
 - Stormwater
- Florida Chapter Award of Excellence
- Florida Chapter Meritorious Services Award
- Presidential Award for Branch Excellence
- Mac Ulsch Award
- Ben Pratt Award
- Anthony W. Leffin Lifetime Achievement Award
- Legislator of the Year Award
- The President's Award

Please keep in mind the absolute deadline for **Florida Chapter Award Level** award submittals is:

March 1st, 2018!

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THERE WILL BE NO PAPER SUBMITTALS FOR ANY AWARDS!

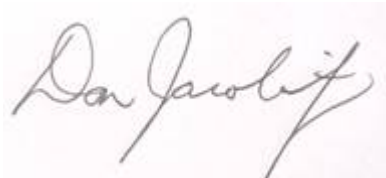
The Florida Chapter (and National) will be accepting digital/electronic medium **ONLY**. CDs, thumb drives, and FTP sites are acceptable methods for file transfer. Materials will not be returned and may be used in APWA newsletters, websites, or other marketing and

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promotional APWA uses. Your submittal provides implied and expressed permission for said use by APWA. All decisions by the Florida Chapter and National Awards Committees are final and not subject to appeal. Any awards that are suitable for National submittals may be forwarded unless otherwise noted.

For additional information about the Awards Program, please contact the Florida Chapter Awards Chairman Don Jacobovitz at 386-916-7381 (c), e-mail: donjacobovitz@aol.com or at awards@apwafloida.org. You may also contact Bill Vest, the Co-Chairman of the Awards Committee at vestwd@cdmsith.com or Awards Committee Member Althea Parrish at althea.parrish@sanfordfl.gov if you have any questions about how to submit an award nomination.

Thank you for your participation in this program,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Jacobovitz". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on a light pink rectangular background.

Don Jacobovitz
Florida Chapter Awards Chairperson

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This form is for awards awarded **only** at the Florida Chapter Award Level.

Please fill out this page/form legibly and submit it with your supporting documentation/narrative for Florida Chapter Awards.

Florida Chapter Award Being Submitted

Person/Project Name

Public Agency

Primary Contractor

Primary Consultant

Contact Person for above Nomination (Area Code) Telephone #

Address of Contact Person City State Zip

Email Address of Contact Person (Area Code) FAX #

Signature of Nominator

Date