



## Texas Chapter Sustainability Practices Award

**Purpose** To recognize individuals, teams or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to promote sustainability in public works. Sustainability is accomplished by the efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best choice in the long term.

**Eligibility** Up to three awards may be presented annually in the following categories (one possible from each category)

- Individual
- Program/Organization/Agency
- Branches

Nominations may come from federal, state or local government units, educational institutions, nonprofit institutions and private sector organizations. Members of the TPWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA members who serve on the Center for Sustainability are not eligible during the time they serve on the Center.

Previous recipients of this award are not eligible for future consideration for three years after the receipt of the award.

APWA membership is not required.

**Selection** The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winner(s).

**Criteria** Submittal must include nomination form and supporting documentation. Nominations must follow the format below.

- A cover letter describing how nominee addressed and/or met sustainable goals which can be defined as follows: "Sustainability in public works means seeking a balanced approach for a vibrant community today and tomorrow, and it is accomplished by the efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best economic choice in the long term."
- A narrative explaining how you addressed the following categories. The items listed below each category are provided as examples.
  - Economy
    - Economic development
    - Financial stability
  - Community
    - Education
    - Safety
    - Enjoyment
    - Livability
  - Environment
    - Pollution prevention or cleanup
    - Natural resource use and conservation
    - Energy efficiency

**Nomination Process** Nominations may be made by a Branch, individual APWA members or nonmembers. Submittals must include nomination form and documentation supporting the purpose of the award and the award's eligibility requirements.

**Presentation** The award winner is recognized at the Awards Banquet during the TPWA Annual Public Works Conference.