

New England Chapter 2019 National Award Winners

APWA's National Awards Program recognizes outstanding individuals, groups and Chapters representing the best in the public works profession. Hundreds of submissions from throughout the United States and Canada are evaluated in over 25 categories. The New England Chapter has consistently received National recognition for the achievements of our members and the public works profession. In the last five years the New England Chapter has earned 64 National Awards, one the most of any of APWA's 63 Chapters throughout the United States and Canada. For 2019 the New England Chapter earned 12 National Awards. The 2019 New England Chapter National Award winners are:

Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

New England Chapter – This is the Chapter's 19th PACE award.

Harry S. Swearingen Award (Individual) for Excellence in Chapter Service

Richard Merson, Director

Department of Public Works, Needham, Massachusetts

Distinguished Service to Public Works

Richard J. Benevento, President

WorldTech Engineering

Top Ten Public Works Leader

Kurt Blomquist, PE, Director

Department of Public Works, Keene, New Hampshire

Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education (Individual)

Christopher Ahmadjian, PE, Associate Director

UMass Transportation Center, Amherst, MA

Professional Manager of the Year Award – Public Right of Way

John DeLeire – Director of Right of Way Bureau

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Professional Manager of the Year Award – Water Resources

Philip Guerin – Director of Water & Sewer Operations

Department of Public Works and Parks, Worcester, Massachusetts

Management Innovation Award

MaPIT Project intake Tool

Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Exceptional Performance Award – Adversity

Christopher Cronin, Carlos Jaquez, Jim Stanford

Gas Line Explosion in Andover, Lawrence and North Andover, Massachusetts

Exceptional Performance Award – Sustainability
Climate Resilient Design Standards and Guidelines
Department of Public Works, Boston, Massachusetts

Public Works Projects of the Year

Historical Restoration/Preservation - less than \$5 Million

Elliot Street Bridge Rehabilitation

Primary Agency – Town of Needham & City of Newton, Massachusetts

Primary Contractor – Aetna Bridge Company

Primary Consultant – BETA Group

Historical Restoration/Preservation – greater than \$75 Million

Longfellow Bridge Rehabilitation Design-Build

Primary Agency – Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Primary Contractor – J.F. White Contracting/Skanska/Consigli Construction, Joint Venture

Primary Consultant – STV

Each award winner will be recognized for their achievements at the APWA Annual Awards Recognition Ceremony at APWA's 2019 Public Works Expo in Seattle, Washington on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Washington State Convention Center.

The New England Chapter would like to congratulate all the award winners on their accomplishments and a well-deserved honor.

New England Chapter 2019 Chapter Award Winners

Chapter Awards recognize the significant accomplishments and contributions of our members. The 2019 New England Chapter Chapter Award winners are:

Member of the Year

Michael J. Gantick, PE, Director
Department of Public Works, South Windsor, Connecticut

Distinguished Service Award

Bob Benard, CN Wood

Outstanding Achievement in Public Works

Robert "Brutus" Cantoreggi, Director
Department of Public Works, Franklin, Massachusetts

Young Leader Award

Francis J. Marinaccio, PE, BETA Group

Contributor of the Year

TEC, Inc.

Public Works First Responder Award (3)

City of Worcester Department of Public Works

Michael Collins, PE, Commissioner
Department of Public Services, Beverly, Massachusetts

Dave Desrosiers, PE, Highway Superintendent, Granby, Massachusetts
Chris Bouchard, Highway Superintendent, Becket, Massachusetts