

Public Works Project of the Year Award

Purpose: The Rocky Mountain Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects.

Awards are given in three divisions:

1. Projects less than \$3 million
2. Projects more than \$3 million but less than \$10 million
3. Projects more than \$10 million

Eligibility: Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.

To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use.

Selection Criteria:

1. Use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule.
2. Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program during construction.
3. Community relations as evidenced by efforts to minimize public inconvenience due to construction, safety precautions to protect public lives and property, provision of observation areas, guided tours, or other means of improving relations between the agency and the public.
4. Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment during the project. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project.
5. Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions including, but not limited to age or condition of the facility, adverse weather, soil or other site conditions over which there is no control.
6. Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money-saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.
7. Please explain the funding mechanism used to get the project completed. Explain the different funding strategies explored and elaborate on the funding mechanism chosen and the impacts on the public good or bad.

Nomination Process: Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or APWA chapters.

Deadline March 6, 2026 (Rocky Mountain Chapter); e-mail nomination and supporting data forms to rleland@helenamt.gov

Presentation: A designated representative of the public agency, contractor, and consultant are presented with plaques during Rocky Mountain Chapter Spring Conference, local media will be notified and information on the project will be included in the Chapter newsletter.

**APWA Rocky Mountain Chapter Awards Program
Project of the Year Nomination Form**

Deadline

Emailed on or before **March 6, 2026**

Forward electronic copy to:

Ryan Leland
rleland@helenamt.gov

Project Name:

Project Substantial Completion Date:

(90% complete & available as of 12/31/2025)

- Less than \$3 million
- Greater than \$3 million less than \$10 million
- Greater than \$10 million

Public Agency:

Contact Name:

Title:

Agency/Organization:

Mailing and Street Addresses:

City/State/Zip:

Phone/Fax Numbers:

E-mail:

Primary Contractor:

Contact Name:

Title:

Mailing and Street Addresses:

City/State/Zip:

Phone/Fax Numbers:

E-mail:

Primary Consultant:

Contact Name:

Title:

Mailing and Street Addresses:

City/State/Zip:

Phone/Fax Numbers:

E-mail:

Please provide a project description, including cost and completion date, as well as any unique or distinguishing characteristics about the project that made it successful. These could include:

- Construction schedule, management, and control techniques used.
- Safety performance including number of lost-time injuries per 1,000 man-hours worked and overall safety program employed during the construction phase.
- Environmental considerations including special steps taken to preserve and protect the environment, endangered species, etc., during the construction phase.
- Community relations – a summary of the efforts by the agency, consultant and contractor to protect public lives and property, minimize public inconvenience and improve relations.
- Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions, including but not limited to, adverse weather, soil or site conditions, or other occurrences over which there was no control.
- Additional considerations you would like to bring to the attention of the project review panel, such as innovations in technology and/or management applications during the project.

NOTE: Supporting documentation is limited to eight (8) pages, exclusive of photographs and nomination form. This submittal will not be returned. When possible, please provide original photographs, as photographs may be used for promotional purposes.

Nominated by

Contact Name:

Title:

Agency/Organization:

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