



EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The 2026 [affirmation ballot](#) for candidates to the APWA Board of Directors closes **June 12**. Learn more about the candidates in the May issue of the [APWA Reporter](#).

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- [Check out and share](#) our public works first responder flyer! Public works professionals continue to gain recognition as first responders, thanks to strong outreach by several APWA chapters and members, at state and local levels.
- The National Homeland Security Consortium (NHSC) will conduct its summer conference in Orlando, Florida, on June 23. APWA Regional Director Mike Millette and Senior Government Affairs Manager Marty Williams will attend.

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APPLY FOR EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY!

[Applications are open](#) for the 2026–2027 ELA program. The deadline to apply is **July 6**.



DR. BERTICE BERRY NAMED APWA'S PUBLIC WORKS AMBASSADOR

Dr. Bertice Berry will serve as APWA's public works ambassador, a role that will help elevate awareness of the essential services public works provides every day. As part of her launch, Dr. Berry created eight videos posted to APWA social media and APWATV in support of National Public Works Week.

Listen to each of her #NPWW messages [here](#). Watch for updates on Dr. Berry's ongoing role as public works ambassador.

MEMBERSHIP
30,413

ACCREDITATION

Region 3:

- Beaufort County, South Carolina Public Works Department—2nd accreditation

Region 4:

- Hillsborough County, Florida Facilities Management and Real Estate Department—3rd accreditation
- Hillsborough County, Florida Fleet Services Department—3rd accreditation
- Hillsborough County, Florida Public Works Department—6th accreditation
- Hillsborough County, Florida Solid Waste Management Department—2nd accreditation
- Port St. Lucie, Florida Public Works Department—7th accreditation

Region 9:

- Redmond, Washington Department of Public Works—1st accreditation

CERTIFICATION

We have kicked off the update to the Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP) Job Task Analysis (JTA) to align with the new credentialing strategy and transition to microcredentials. The JTA update will take place through June 2026 and will serve as the blueprint for developing education content and corresponding exams for the new microcredentials.

For more information, contact certification@apwa.org.

EDUCATION

UPCOMING LIVE PROGRAMS

June 3. **APWA Partner Showcase: Learn More with BuildWitt.** Learn how APWA's partnership with BuildWitt delivers innovative, on-the-job training to strengthen workforce development and retention. This live virtual program features a walkthrough of the platform and an organization sharing their real-world experience using BuildWitt. [Register here.](#)

June 9. **Engineering Workforce Consortium: Aligning Engineering and Public Works Curriculums with Industry Needs.** Learn how some of the most innovative engineering programs in the US are providing educational experiences that emphasize communication, teamwork, and innovation under current accreditation requirements, and how industry leaders are assisting these programs. [Register here.](#)

June 11. **Building Resilient Communities: How Mutual Aid Supports Emergency Operations.** Compare three proven models—CoWARN, IPWMAN, and the Massachusetts Highway Association—learn how they are structured, activated, and leveraged during incidents. Gain practical insights into resource sharing, liability protection, cost reimbursement, and coordinated response strategies that enhance resilience and operational readiness before, during, and after emergencies. [Register here.](#)

June 16–18. **Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate Program.** This certificate program is targeted towards foremen, supervisors, and managers of winter maintenance operations. This program helps those in charge of winter operations understand all facets of developing and maintaining an effective winter maintenance program, resulting in efficient, equitable, and environmentally-friendly snow and ice control. [Register here.](#)

June 18. **Industry Discussion: "What has Carbide Ever Done for Us?"** The price of tungsten carbide (and tools using it) has gone through the roof. When the price of a raw material increases by more than 50 percent in a month, there will be issues. This program will address the increases and what the long-term situation looks like, as far as we know at present. What can agencies do to ensure they can still plow roads and dig dirt? This program will discuss available options, noting the benefits and drawbacks of each approach. [Register here.](#)

June 23. **In the Driver's Seat with John Cooper.** Join moderator Tim Ross for an engaging conversation with John Cooper as he shares practical lessons on leadership, communication, change management, and career growth drawn from his journey working in the field to joining executive leadership in public works. [Register here.](#)

APWA WINS THREE TELLY AWARDS



APWA is excited to have won three prestigious Telly Awards in 2026! The Telly Awards annually showcases the best work created within television and across video, for all screens. Congratulations to all who contributed to these videos, you can watch them using the links below.

- [Public Works: A Kid's Perspective](#)
- [Introducing Vic Bienes!](#)
- [PWX 25 People, Purpose, Presence Highlight Reel](#)

NEW INITIATIVES PROGRAM RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED!

The funding recipients of the 2026 New Initiatives Program have been announced. [Click here](#) to learn more about the six selected projects.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Registration is Open for PWX 2026!



Early bird registration rates are available now for this year's PWX in Houston, Texas, August 30–September 2. [Click here](#) to register, see the schedule, book a hotel room, and more!

Call for Presentations is Open for NASC 2027!



DES MOINES, IOWA

The 2027 North American Snow Conference [Call for Presentations](#) is open. The deadline to submit a session proposal for Snow Conference 2027 is October 3, 2026.