



TALKING POINTS

JANUARY 2025

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- » The APWA Government Affairs team will be visiting Capitol Hill this month to deliver our association's public policy priorities for the 119th Congress. Every US Representative and Senator—all 535 of them—will receive copies of our expectations for emergency management, transportation, and water resiliency. The policies were approved by the APWA Board of Directors on December 6 and will be available on the Government Affairs section of the APWA website this month.
- » The APWA *Washington Report* returns January 13. Until then, stay up to date on advocacy efforts and legislative movement on our social media platforms, [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Please like and repost our updates.
- » The Engineering & Public Works Roadshow is planning a full slate of events in 2025, and we are working with it to feature award-winning projects in California, Oklahoma, and Minnesota. Stay tuned for details as they unfold. If you know about a great infrastructure project that would make an excellent roadshow stop, email the details to APWA Government Affairs Media Manager Mark Shade at mshade@apwa.org.
- » Which chapters will the Government Affairs team visit this year? We are scheduling now. Send your invitations for in-person outreach, advocacy training, and on-site participation to Government and Public Affairs Director Andrea Eales at aeales@apwa.org.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS



New Public Works Stories Coming in January

We're starting 2025 with a trio of new public works stories featuring women in public works. We encourage you to share new Public Works Stories across your agency's social media channels and in eNewsletters.

Here's a preview of people we'll be featuring in January:

- » January 13: Angel Cobb, City of Phoenix; Phoenix, Arizona and Flozelle Roberts, City of Port Arthur; Port Arthur, Texas
- » January 15: Shannon Williams, Keller Associates, Salem, Oregon
- » January 17: Paula Hart, Hart Engineering, LLC, St. Louis, Missouri

[Click here](#) to find the latest videos.

ACCREDITATION

- » Contra Costa County, California Public Works Department and Flood Control and Water Conservation District. 7th accreditation
- » City of Lenexa, Kansas Municipal Services Department. 6th accreditation
- » Los Alamos County, New Mexico Department of Public Utilities. 1st accreditation

2025 APWA Awards Deadlines

March 3, 2025

Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year, Public Works Projects of the Year, and all other awards except the PACE

June 2, 2025

Presidential Acknowledgment for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

[Click here](#) to learn more about the APWA Awards Program.

CONFERENCES

AI Summit

January 29–30, 2025



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not just a buzzword—it is impacting and will continue to impact public works. During this virtual event, you'll learn what AI is, its status and future, and its ethical and workforce implications.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

Solid Waste Summit

March 13, 2025

With heavy emphasis in the solid waste industry on regulations, and reduce, reuse, and recycle, we often do not focus on the trucks and people that make responsible solid waste management possible. This summit will teach attendees innovative ways to maintain a healthy fleet and limit downtime. Gain insight on how to transition to an alternative fuels fleet with the rise in electric and natural gas options. To wrap up the summit, a panel discussion will present on the future of debris management and collection methods.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

2025 North American Snow Conference

April 6–9, 2025



This highly anticipated conference will take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and will provide education and solutions for public works snowfighters and those who support them.

[Click here](#) to preview event details.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Certificate Program

February 25, 26, and 27, 2025

The Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Certificate provides those responsible for stormwater operations a comprehensive overview of concepts involved with operating and maintaining stormwater systems while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Open Forum: Right Sizing Compliance Statements

January 21, 2025

There are two core requirements for agencies that are working toward accreditation. First, the agency must document its practices—the policies, procedures, and processes guiding it in its daily operation. Secondly, the agency must describe how it complies with each applicable practice in the manual. Our panel of experienced accreditation program evaluators will share their perspectives on how to meet these requirements.

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