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Three Recipients Selected to Receive APWA Snow and Ice Control Awards
Awards presented at 2014 APWA North American Snow Conference in Cincinnati

KANSAS CITY, MO. – Three city public works agencies have been selected to receive the American Public Works Association (APWA) 2014 national Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Awards. Established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works snow and ice operations, the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control award promotes the best practices in snow and ice removal, while minimizing environmental impacts. This year, the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Awards will be presented at the 2014 APWA North American Snow Conference, May 4-7, 2014 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The three recipients selected for this year's APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Awards include:

***Bettendorf, IA. Public Works Department:** Bettendorf's Department of Public Works strives to offer the highest level of snow and ice control services to its residents, and conveys this with the slogan, "Bettendorf – A Premier City." For the past 20 years, Bettendorf has had a policy within its snow removal operations to have bare pavement within 24 hours after the cessation of snow fall from an average snowstorm (four to six inches) on all city streets. Bettendorf is the only city of its size (33,217) in Iowa to have a bare pavement standard. Its citizens have consistently given it high ratings, according to surveys taken by the National Citizen Survey (NSC), which is a collaborative effort between the National Research Center and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Responses to the survey, given in 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012 rated the city's snow removal between 80-89%, which is significantly above the benchmark.

***City of Bloomington, MN. Department of Public Works:** Bloomington hosts major industries including retail and entertainment, as well as the Mall of America, within 341 miles of road, 520 cul-de-sacs, and 251 miles of sidewalk. The city's snow and ice control season can start as early as October and last until May, bringing an average of 45-50 inches of snow. Municipal parking lots are also maintained to provide access to city buildings for the public and employees. The snow and ice control require many divisions in public works operations, including snowplow operators from Street Maintenance, Park Maintenance, Facilities Maintenance, Traffic Maintenance, Equipment Maintenance, Utilities, Engineering and the city-owned golf course. In recent surveys among cities in the U.S. that are similar size and demographics of Bloomington, the city ranked #1 in 2012 and #2 in 2013 for resident satisfaction in snow and ice control.

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***City of Council Bluffs Public Works Operations Department:** Council Bluffs' Public Works Department maintains a network of more than 301 center lane miles and 588 lane miles of major and local streets, and has the largest municipal street network in Western Iowa. The Streets Division is comprised of 28 employees and is responsible for the maintenance of the city streets, along with unimproved roads, alleys, ROW mowing, street sweeping, ADA ramps, signs, signals, lighting, city owned sidewalks and snow/ice maintenance. Throughout the winter, public works provides snow and ice control for all of the lane miles of road network. Snow removal is performed with the assistance of the Sewer and other divisions on a 24-hour schedule when snow events develop. When snow maintenance operations occur, snow removal is prioritized by designated emergency snow routes, hills, and then residential streets. Snow removal begins when any accumulation of snow/ice develops on city streets.

About APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Awards Program: Any public works agency actively involved in snow and ice removal and operations are eligible, and APWA membership is not required to be selected for the award. For more information about the APWA North American Snow Conference, please visit: <http://www.apwa.net/snow>. For media queries, please contact Laura Bynum, APWA media relations/communications manager at lbynum@apwa.net.

About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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