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APWA Recognizes Albany Public Works with Prestigious Accreditation Award

KANSAS CITY, MO. – The City of Albany, Oregon Department of Public Works was recently honored with an American Public Works Association (APWA) prestigious accreditation award. The agency was awarded its APWA accreditation on November 5, 2010. Albany is only the third city in Oregon to be awarded the APWA accreditation award, along with Eugene and Bend.

“The City of Albany is to be congratulated on earning their accreditation,” said Ann Daniels, Director of Credentialing for APWA. “The staff is to be congratulated as well for their perseverance and dedication to improving their organization. They have continually improved their public works performance and the provision of services, as well as increased professionalism, provided for succession planning, recognized good performance and instilled pride among agency staff,” Daniels said.

The APWA accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry. On a daily basis, accredited agencies meet or exceed standards of performance in areas such as water, solid waste management, street/sewer repair and maintenance, engineering, building maintenance, storm water drainage, traffic safety, environmental services and vehicle maintenance.

For Albany’s accreditation award, a team of public works professionals from Florida, Texas and Utah completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their October 20-22, 2010 site visit. “The APWA accreditation award of the City of Albany’s Public Works Department is an acknowledgement of all the hard work over the years done by our public works employees,” said Director of Public Works Diane Taniguichi-Dennis. “I am very pleased to announce that the Albany Public Works Department has reached an important milestone with this prestigious award from the American Public Works Association. Only cities who are willing to have all of its work policies, procedures, and practices examined in a rigorous audit and meet the standards of APWA can be accredited. The Albany Public Works Department is committed to providing the Albany community with efficient and effective public services.”

“It’s exciting to complete the detailed review of an agency’s policies and procedures, and then recommend them for accreditation,” said Ann Daniels, APWA accreditation director. “Albany’s Public Works Department is to be highly commended for their excellent commitment to improving operations by enhancing their internal performance and by assuring their community they meet or exceed national standards.”

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 29,500 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 64 chapters in North America.

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