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Arapahoe County Teams Recognized at Colorado APWA Conference

Road and Bridge team members named manager and outstanding employee of the year

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County is celebrating three achievement awards received at the American Public Works Association Colorado Chapter conference Nov. 7.

Public Works and Development received two awards. Road and Bridge Division Manager Allen Peterson was named Professional Manager of the Year and Mike Comstock, Signs, Markings and Right of Way Supervisor was named Outstanding Public Works Employee. Facilities and Fleet Maintenance also received an award in the large structures category for the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds ground source heating and cooling system project.

"We are very proud of our Public Works and Development and Facilities and Fleet teams for these well-deserved awards," said Commissioner Nancy Jackson, District 4, who attended the event. "They work tirelessly to provide safe roads and structures for our citizens, as well as providing a positive environment for employees."

Peterson was hired in 2012 during the midst of a large restructuring of the Road and Bridge Division. He said he realized the restructure would only be successful if accompanied by a cultural shift. Under his leadership, Road and Bridge has become an organization that not only provides exemplary services to citizens, but is a place employees are proud to work. A recent study of employees also indicated that Road and Bridge is the highest ranked division in the County for top down communication.

Comstock was hired in 2011 and has been instrumental in building a specialized team of industry experts. He has achieved numerous certifications, including IMSA Sign and Pavement Marking Senior Tech Level III. This is a difficult certificate to obtain and keeps Arapahoe County innovative in Signs and Markings. He also has implemented efficiencies leading to increased production and cost savings.

Facilities and Fleet Maintenance worked with Open Spaces to expand the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds new exhibition hall. Through careful coordination of design and construction, the Fairgrounds received a unique and energy-efficient heating and cooling system retrofit that will improve the overall functionality of the facility into the future.

Arapahoe County Public Works and Development and Facilities and Fleet Maintenance champion innovation and are proud to receive these recognitions from the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Learn more about Public Works and Development at www.arapahoegov.com/PublicWorks or call 720-874-6500. Learn more about Facilities and Fleet Maintenance at <http://arapahoegov.com/index.aspx?nid=375> or call 303-734-5489.

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