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Oakland Public Works Director is National Top Ten Leader of the Year

Oakland, CA – Oakland Public Works Director, **Vitaly B. Troyan**, P.E. has been honored by the American Public Works Association (APWA) as recipient of their **Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year** award for 2012. The award recognizes the “excellence of the best and the brightest leaders in the profession,” according to APWA Executive Director Peter B. King.

Director Troyan has 45 years experience in public and private sector engineering and management. His focus on organizational change has created significant growth in each of the organizations he managed. During his time with Oakland, Mr. Troyan has focused on organizational development that is customer oriented, innovative and cost effective, and has provided the leadership to create a high performance organization. His belief in simplifying government processes and his commitment to hiring and training good people has allowed Oakland Public Works to continue a high level of service delivery despite continuing decreases in available resources.

“This award for Leader of the Year is the highest honor in the Public Works industry, and I am pleased that Vit was recognized for his efforts in keeping Oakland’s Public Works Agency a top-notch organization,” said City Administrator Deanna J. Santana. “The Agency is responsive to service requests from the public and provides excellent leadership, which benefits the entire City organization.”

His work has been recognized through numerous awards over many years, and continues on both the day-to-day accountability and transparency of the Agency and also on continuous improvement from a large-scale organizational perspective. He has taken on significant planning, response coordination and mitigation efforts in response to the Occupy Oakland events. He guided the Agency through the reaccreditation process with flying colors, second city in California and the 35th in North America to have achieved the highly regarded APWA Accreditation, which formally verifies and recognizes public works organizations for compliance with recommended practices and standards established within the public works industry. Oakland Public Works plans, builds and maintains Oakland’s physical and environmental infrastructure for the residents, businesses and visitors of the city, making it a sustainable and desirable place to live, work, invest and visit.

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Mr. Troyan also amplified public outreach to Oakland's uniquely diverse community with the integration of the mobile application SeeClickFix. This creative use of technology allows more civic engagement using a free digital communication tool to identify issues in public spaces and has helped raise perception of Oakland in the best possible light.

The fact that the two most recent Agency Directors received this national level of recognition speaks very highly of the commitment and quality of the Agency and its accomplishments overall. Public Works employs over 700 staff, with an operating budget of \$121 million and is responsible for maintenance, repair and stewardship of the City's infrastructure and environment, including 806 miles of City-maintained streets, 1,120 miles of sidewalks, 36,000 street lights, 1,000 miles of sanitary sewer lines, hundreds of acres of parks, over 100 miles of waterways, 309 City-owned buildings and facilities, as well as a Fleet of more than 1,500 vehicles (including police and fire public safety response equipment).

For more information about the people, projects and plans for Oakland's infrastructure, visit the Oakland Public Works website at www.oaklandpw.com.

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