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Oakland Public Works Agency Receives National Recognition

Oakland, CA – The American Public Works Association (APWA) Northern California Chapter is honoring several members of Oakland's Public Works Agency at its annual award ceremony today. **Derin Minor**, Facilities Services Manager has been selected as APWA **Employee of the Year** for his outstanding work, including the recent challenge of managing Occupy Oakland related issues. His leadership and decision making leveraged staff in support of City officials, local businesses Oakland Police and the public. Requiring fast problem-solving, effective communication and evening and weekend time commitments, as well as the day-to-day activities involving ever-changing issues, Mr. Minor continuously demonstrates his excellence.

Nila Wong is receiving the **Award of Merit** in Administration and Finance. She is being recognized for her ongoing contributions in budgeting, fiscal management and grant administration. Her collaborative work with other departments has led to major efficiency improvements in managing projects and funds in Engineering, and greatly helped in the most recent budget reduction deliberations required upon the loss of Redevelopment funds from the State. Ms. Wong represents the highest example of commitment and professionalism in public service.

Jimmy Mach is being honored with the **Award of Merit** in Engineering and Technology. Mr. Mach will be recognized for his efforts to improve Oakland's pavement preservation program, researching the latest innovative pavement technologies and integrating safety, expansion of the bicycle route network and other objectives into Oakland's street paving program. His contributions are invaluable to City improvement.

Oakland Public Works Director **Vitaly B. Troyan** has been nominated as one of the nation's **Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year** by the Northern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Mr. Troyan has over 45 years experience in the Public Works field and has served as Deputy Director of Public Works in San Francisco and City Engineer of Los Angeles. During his time with Oakland, Mr. Troyan has focused on organizational development and has created a high performance organization

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that is customer oriented, innovative and cost effective. 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.

Finally, the **East Oakland Sports Center** will receive the **Project of the Year** award for Structures \$5M-25M. The two-story facility has approximately 25,000 square feet of space which includes an indoor swimming pool with a 24-foot water slide, a dance/exercise room, a fitness/weight room and multi-purpose rooms. The community has long awaited the recreational and aquatic opportunities now provided. It is a modern facility with LEED-Silver certification pending and the possibility for future expansion. The project was implemented using the Construction Manager at-Risk method which involved the collaborative efforts of the City, design team and contractor.

Oakland Public Works is the second city in California and the 35th in North America to have achieved the highly regarded American Public Works Association Accreditation, which formally verifies and recognizes public works organizations for compliance with recommended practices established within the public works industry.

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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