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### **Oakland Public Works Department Receives Second Prestigious Re-Accreditation**

**KANSAS CITY, MO** – The City of Oakland, California’s Public Works Department was recently awarded its second prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Re-Accreditation. The APWA Accreditation and Re-Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA *Public Works Management Practices Manual*. Oakland Public Works received its original APWA Accreditation August 15, 2006 and Re-Accreditation October, 2010. Their second Re-Accreditation was awarded November, 2014.

Oakland’s Public Works Re-Accreditation indicates that the department has met applicable documentation and practices over time. “The second APWA Re-Accreditation shows our dedication to concepts of improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices. The heroes of this prestigious APWA award are the public works staff whose mission is to provide public works services and programs that contribute to making Oakland a great city,” said Oakland Public Works Director, Brooke A. Levin.

Oakland Public Works’ mission statement explains their priorities. “Service to the public is our sole reason for existence. 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,” Levin said.

The department’s key services include the four main areas of Administration, Infrastructure & Operations, Facilities & Environment, and Engineering & Construction. Administration includes business and information analysis, fiscal services, human resources, Public Works Call Center and Training & Public Services Administration. The Infrastructure & Operations Bureau includes electrical services and traffic maintenance, equipment services and infrastructure maintenance. The Facilities & Environment Bureau includes environmental services, facilities services, Keep Oakland Clean & Beautiful and Parks & Trees Maintenance. Engineering & Construction is responsible for engineering design and right-of-way management, transportation planning and funding, project delivery, transportation services, ADA programs and contract services.

For the City of Oakland’s Public Works Re-Accreditation review, a team of public works professionals from Aledo, TX, Bend, OR and Kansas City, MO completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their November, 2014 site visit. “It’s great to have Oakland Public Works reach full Re-Accreditation compliance again with their practices. I commend their continued and renewed commitment to the detailed review of the department’s policies and procedures to qualify,” said APWA Director of Accreditation Ann Daniels.

Oakland Public Works became the 35<sup>th</sup> agency in North America to receive Accreditation, which also includes fellow California agencies from Alameda County, Berkeley, Contra Costa County, Encinitas, Fresno, Orange County, San Francisco (City & County), Palmdale, Thousand Oaks and Ventura.

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**About APWA**

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