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IPWEA and APWA Expand Long-Term Strategic Partnership

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) and The American Public Works Association (APWA) have recently entered into an agreement to expand their reach and deliver greater value through education to their members in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Both organisations are focused on facilitating the exchange of ideas, technology, resources, and management practices for professionals who deliver public works and infrastructure services.

The agreement facilitates IPWEA's objective to engage with strategic international partners and to increase recognition of IPWEA's educational offering. The agreement will also support APWA's efforts to develop strategic and global alliances with other organisations to promote APWA's education and credentialing programs. Members of both associations will benefit from the exchange of educational and credentialing programs, publications and products, events and leadership opportunities. Areas of collaboration include asset management, which both associations recognise as a key element in the design, construction, maintenance and renewal of infrastructure and a long-term contributor to the sustainable delivery of services to our communities.

"There's always been a willingness to work together around conferences and events, but now we're looking at our products, services, and how we can bring that to a larger audience," said IPWEA President Rita Excell. "People in public works in the southern hemisphere can learn from America and Canada, and vice versa. It's about sharing knowledge, sharing best practices, and that's what I'm most excited about."

APWA and IPWEA have an established history of technology exchange through study tours and attendance at each organisation's conferences. Since 2004, APWA has sponsored twenty individuals to study in Australia and New Zealand in collaboration with IPWEA as part of APWA's [Jennings Randolph International Fellowship program](#). This program supports travel and participation at a public works conference of one of APWA's international partners and a public works study tour in that country.

"APWA is excited to extend and expand our long-term partnership with IPWEA," said APWA President Mary Joyce Ivers. "Through this strategic alignment of organizational activities, APWA and IPWEA have enhanced the available technical and professional opportunities for every one of our members. This successful partnership will continue to grow APWA and

IPWEA's international presence and heighten the ability of all public works professionals to provide essential services in their communities across the world."

The continuation of this valued partnership furthers IPWEA's goal to grow professional networks to inform, connect and transfer knowledge on an international stage, as well as APWA's objective to serve as the best credentialing (certification and accreditation) resource for the public works community throughout the world. APWA and IPWEA look forward to expanding markets outside their member bases through discounting and cross promotion of education programs, online training courses and publications.

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About IPWEA

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia is the peak association for municipal and public works professionals in Australia and New Zealand. IPWEA is a global leader in the delivery of sustainable infrastructure asset management, financial planning and reporting.

About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 30,000 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, MO, has an office in Washington, D.C., and 63 chapters and 97 branches throughout North America.

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