



APA NEW MEXICO AWARDS COMMITTEE

2020 Call for Nominations

APA-NM is seeking nominations for its 2020 Planning Awards.

The purpose of the APA-NM Awards program is to recognize outstanding planners and planning projects throughout New Mexico, and to encourage outstanding achievements in the application of Planning principles and techniques to solve problems and improve our quality of life.

Schedule:

August 14th, 2020:
Submittal Deadline

To be Announced:
Winners Notified

Presentation of Awards
TBD.

Award Categories

Long-Range Planning: to any long-range, comprehensive, master plans, programs, and/or processes of high merit.

Professional Planner: to a planner who has made noteworthy contributions to the field of planning over a sustained period.

Student Project Award: to planning student or team enrolled at a New Mexico university (or other college) who has completed a project of high merit within the past year.

Innovation in Planning: for practices, projects, plans, or ordinances in any relevant, planning-related area.

Excellence in Technology: for best practices with the use of GIS, Database Management, Software Applications, use of Internet, Remote Sensing, and/or other related work.

Excellence in Public Engagement: to projects, plans, or documented public outreach efforts that exemplify and prioritize diverse community involvement and effective implementation of critical feedback.

Equity in Planning—Going Above and Beyond: to a planner, planning team, project, plan, or formalized practice which strengthens and incorporates equitable provision of planning services, equal representation, and participation.

Submittal Requirements

1. Programs, projects, and individuals must be located within New Mexico.
2. Submittals related to projects must have been completed no later than 2 years before the date of submittal. Plans subject to adoption by a public entity must be submitted only after it has been adopted.
3. Your Submittal must include the completed form:
 - Person or Project being nominated;
 - Category of award;
 - Nominator name, address, organization, phone;
 - Credits of all significant contributors;
 - Summary (two page limit) addressing the Evaluation Criteria below.
4. Complete submittals must be sent via email, file sharing platform, or flash drive and include:
 - Above mentioned Submittal Form;
 - One (1) copy of a work product that represents your nomination well such as a plan, report, project outline, map; drawings, photos, etc.;
 - One (1) photograph of individual nominated;
 - A list of all individuals and agencies substantively involved in the project.
5. Submit completed forms (and any questions with a contact phone number) to 2020APANMawards@gmail.com by close of business on Friday, August 14th, 2020

Submittal deadline is
Saturday, August 14,
2020

Evaluation Criteria

Long-Range Planning, Student Project Award, Innovation in Planning, Excellence in Technology, Excellence in Public Engagement, Equity in Planning

- **Originality:** Explain how your entry presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address needs.
- **Participation:** Explain how various public and private interests were involved and the extent of that involvement, including those who historically have been left out of the planning process. Show how your entry obtained public and private support.
- **Role of planners:** Clarify the role, significance and participation of planners. Demonstrate the connection between the effort's success and increased awareness in the community of planners and planning.
- **Implementation:** Address what steps have been taken to build momentum and public support for implementing the plan.
- **Transferability:** Illustrate how your entry has potential application for others and how use of your entry's components and methodology would further the cause of good planning.
- **Quality:** Overall quality and presentation of the submittal.
- **Award Specificity:** Describe how applicant is relevant to specific award category.

Professional Planner Award

- **Planning efficacy:** Demonstrate how the nominee has promoted effective planning practices.
- **Contributions in the field:** Describe significant contributions the nominee makes toward achieving community goals or solving problems by using planning principles.
- **Diplomacy:** How does the nominee encourage greater understanding about planning by the community/clients being served?
- What special qualities does this planner have?