



# STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

## FOR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

The American Public Works Association serves the public interest through education of its members, decision-makers and the general public about the issues relating to effective provision, management and operation of public infrastructure, commonly referred to as public works. The Association is comprised of individual members, public agencies and private firms who are interested in effectively managing and protecting the public's investment in infrastructure and public works services.

**The Board of Directors of the American Public Works Association advocates the following Standards of Professional Conduct to guide its members in the conduct of their business. The Board of Directors encourages its members, whether individual or organization, to apply these standards to every aspect of their professional life.**

*As a member of the American Public Works Association I am dedicated and committed to maintaining the following standards of professional conduct.*

- I will keep the public trust and will not take personal advantage of privileged information or relationships.
- I will put public interest above individual, group or societal interest and consider my chosen occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- I will encourage sustainability through wise use of resources; whether they are natural resources, financial resources or human resources.
- I will consider public health and safety in every aspect of my work.
- I will conduct myself with personal integrity in a manner that enhances and honors the reputation of the profession, my employer, my community and the Association.
- I will ensure that the work for which I am responsible complies with all legal requirements of the local, state, province, or federal governments.
- I will strive to plan, design, build, maintain and operate public infrastructure in a manner that respects the environment and the ability of government to adequately preserve these assets for succeeding generations.