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Presentation by the American Public Works Association (APWA), awarding the Department of Public Works the APWA accreditation status.

The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works has successfully completed the Management Practices Self Assessment Program developed and sponsored by the American Public Works Association. The self assessment program involved an intensive review of all the Department's policies, practices, procedures and operations in order to bring them into full compliance with nationally recognized Public Works standards. After 3 1/2 years of working on this effort, the Department of Public Works requested a site visit by representatives of the APWA on October 16 through Oct 18, 2011. After three days of reviewing the practices, operations and facilities of St. Paul Public Works, the APWA representatives concluded that St. Paul Public Works had indeed met all of the requirements to be considered for APWA accreditation status. At a meeting of the APWA and their Council on November 5, 2011, St. Paul Public Works was voted and approved to become the 75th agency nationally to achieve accreditation status. In addition, St. Paul Public Works is the first agency in the State of Minnesota to be awarded accreditation. The President Elect of the American Public Works Association, Elizabeth Treadway, is here today to present the Public Works Department with an award recognizing their accomplishment.