# AMP AWARDS PROGRAM

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American Municipal Power, Inc., (AMP) is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 132 municipal Members in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; as well as the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, a joint action agency with eight Delaware municipal members. Combined, these public utilities serve approximately 650,000 customers.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, the organization provides a variety of services for its members, including power supply planning, engineering, financial, environmental, generation, legal and other support services. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes wholesale power purchases through AMP and the open market and energy produced at AMP and member-owned generating facilities utilizing fossil fuel, hydroelectric, solar, wind and other renewable resources.



# WHY SEEK AN AMP AWARD?

The AMP Awards Program provides a great opportunity to draw attention to outstanding projects and people in your community. This is one way to let your peers and community know about your hard work, dedication and commitment to your local electric system.

Members can nominate themselves or others for the Electric System Sustainability Award, Hard Hat Safety Award, Innovation Award, Public Power Promotion Award, Safety Award, Service Distinction Award, Seven Hats Award and System Improvement Award. Simply complete one or more of the nomination forms and submit them by July 26. Forms are also available digitally on the Awards Program page of the AMP website at www.amppartners.org. Details about each award are located on the award nomination forms.

Award recipients will be recognized at the 2023 AMP Annual Conference, Sept. 25–27. After the conference, a news release will be sent to the local media of those communities that received an award.

Deadline for all AMP Awards Nomination Submissions: July 26, 2023

For questions about the AMP Awards Program, please contact:

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Phone: 614.540.6403 Email: <u>asmithey@amppartners.org</u> This award recognizes utilities that have made significant efforts in sustainability. Sustainability can be defined as understanding the interconnections among economy, society and environment.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Project must have been completed prior to June 1, 2022.
- Only one project per member may be submitted each year.
- Project can only be submitted for an award one time.

#### Criteria:

 Projects should demonstrate a balance between economic, environmental and social considerations while also reflecting a practical business approach. The latter focuses may be demonstrated by highlighting how the project maximizes the electric system's business opportunities and/or minimizes the electrical system's business risks.

#### **Recognition:**

- More than one award can be given each year.
- Awards will be presented to member(s) with the best long-term project(s) designed to enhance the sustainability of their electrical systems.



Kevin Maynard, Marshall director of electric utilities, accepts a 2022 Electric System Sustainability Award during the 2022 AMP Annual Conference.

# HARD HAT SAFETY AWARD



Daniel Kinchy, Clyde journeyman lineworker, is presented with a Hard Hat Safety Award by Jim Eberly, AMP safety/ OSHA compliance coordinator. This award recognizes employees in each member community who demonstrates safety at all times.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Members can nominate one employee from their electric distribution department.
- Members with generation can also nominate one employee from their electric generating division.

#### Criteria:

An electric utility employee who:

- Adheres to on-the-job safety procedures;
- Promotes electric safety within their department; and
- Is 100% safety conscious.

#### **Recognition:**

- More than one award can be given each year
- Recipients are nominated by the municipal electric system's director or superintendent and approved by the AMP safety staff.
- A plaque will be presented to the individual recipient at a safety meeting in their community.

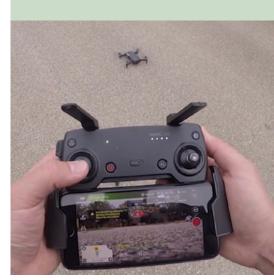
This award recognizes municipal utilities that have completed an innovative or unique project to better serve their customerowners. Innovation is the introduction of something new — a new idea, device or method.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Project must have been completed prior to June 1, 2022.
- Only one project per member may be submitted each year.
- Project can only be submitted for an award one time.

#### Criteria:

- Project should utilize new technology or existing technology in a unique way.
- Creative uses of technology or new ideas within the electric utility industry will be considered.
- Research or pilot style programs submitted to DEED or EPRI may be eligible.
- One award can be given in each division:
  - Division 1 0 to 999 meters
  - Division 2 1,000 to 4,999 meters
  - Division 3 5,000 to 8,999 meters
  - Division 4 9,000 or more meters



The City of Westerville was awarded an Innovation Award in 2022 for their Drone Turnkey Solution Project, providing direction for public power utilities.

# PUBLIC POWER PROMOTION AWARD



Kimberly Schlichting, DEMEC president and CEO, accepts a Public Power Promotion Award during the 2022 AMP Annual Conference.

This award recognizes utilities for their promotional efforts in marketing, consumer awareness and branding.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Project must have been completed prior to June 1, 2022.
- Only one project per member may be submitted each year.
- Project can only be submitted for an award one time.

#### **Criteria:**

• Project should demonstrate public power being promoted in a creative or impactful way.

#### **Recognition:**

• More than one award can be given each year.

This award recognizes municipal utilities for their safety performance and encourages municipalities to improve their present safety program.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Safety Awards will be given to systems with no time loss due to reportable accidents.
- Safety Commendations will be given to systems with less than one percent time loss.
- Reporting period runs from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.
- To determine time loss, divide the total number of hours away from work and restricted by the total work hours of exposure for the period of June 1, 2022–May 31, 2023.

Time loss =  $\frac{\text{Total number of hours away from work and restricted}}{\text{Total work hours of exposure for the period}}$ 

#### Criteria:

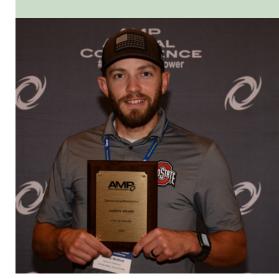
There are two categories:

- Transmission/Distribution
- Generation

#### **Recognition:**

• More than one award can be given each year.





Jeremy Wolford, Orrville assistant superintendent, accepts a Safety Award for Transmission/Distribution, during the 2022 AMP Annual Conference.

# SEVEN HATS AWARD



Kyle Francis (left) is presented with the AMP Seven Hats Award by Jeff Brediger, AMP Board of Trustees chair, during the 2022 AMP Annual Conference.

This award recognizes a utility manager who serves a smaller community, and whose management responsibilities extend well beyond the scope of a manager in a larger system who has a larger staff. The award parallels American Public Power Association (APPA) requirements. The AMP recipient will be nominated for the APPA Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award.

#### **Eligibility:**

• Any superintendent or manager of an AMP member utility that serves 2,500 electric meters or less.

#### Criteria:

- Utility manager who serves a smaller community and whose management responsibilities extend well beyond the scope of a manager in a larger system with a larger staff.
- Nominees must possess desirable qualities and skills in the following areas:
  - Planning and design
  - Administration
  - Public relations
  - Field supervision
  - Accounting
  - Personnel or employee direction, relations, policies, etc.
  - Community leadership
- Nomination form to be completed by local elected official.

#### **Recognition:**

Only one award can be given each year.

This award recognizes utilities that have made a significant improvement in electric service and reliability to their customerowners.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Project must have been completed prior to June 1, 2023, including any multi-year projects.
- Routine system maintenance such as tree trimming, single pole or individual transformer replacements will not be considered.
- Only one project per member may be submitted each year.
- Project can only be submitted for an award one time.

#### Criteria:

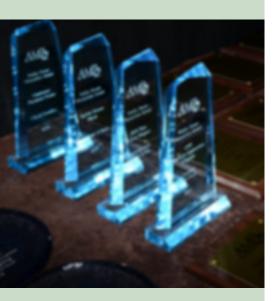
Project should demonstrate a significant improvement in service and reliability to customer-owners.

- One award can be given in each division:
  - Division 1 0 to 999 meters
  - Division 2 1,000 to 4,999 meters
  - Division 3 5,000 to 8,999 meters
  - Division 4 9,000 or more meters



The City of Cuyahoga Falls was awarded a System Improvement Award in 2022 for their Theiss Substation to Feed the Valley Substation Load Project.

# AMP SERVICE DISTINCTION AWARD



This award recognizes employees of member public power utilities, partners or consultants who have made significant contributions to public power and supported the mission, vision and values of AMP. Special consideration is given to individuals dedicated to the betterment of public power communities who have retired from service or have announced that they will be retiring soon.

#### Criteria:

The AMP Service Distinction Award shall be limited to individuals who have met all or a majority of the criteria below as determined by the AMP Board of Trustees Nominating Committee.

- A distinguished public power career; or a career with significant contribution to public power;
- Members, partners or consultants who have made significant contributions to public power and supported the mission, vision and values of AMP; and
- Special consideration will be given to individuals dedicated to the betterment of public power communities who have retired from service or have announced that they will be retiring soon.



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