

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
REPORT**

PRESENTATION #: 3

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SUBJECT:

The City of Peoria, Department of Public Works became the 54th agency to be accredited by the American Public Works Association.

SUMMARY:

In July 2009, the City of Peoria Public Works Department earned accreditation through the American Public Works Association (APWA). The accreditation is result of a two-year process which involved a number of City Departments. The program involves a rigorous review and documentation of all aspects of public works service delivery and practices. A team of peer professionals from APWA spent four days at the City of Peoria to interview staff and validate the City's submittal. The City was granted full accreditation status which includes the Public Works Department, the Engineering Department, the Community Development Department and the Community Services Department.

The APWA accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry. The voluntary program is a self-motivated approach to objectively evaluate, verify and recognize compliance with recommended management practices. Accredited agencies are recognized as meeting or exceeding standards of performance in areas such as storm water, solid waste, transit, street and right-of-way operation and maintenance, facility operations, fleet maintenance, design and engineering, and building maintenance.