

The American Public Works Association's (APWA) Accreditation Council was established in 1997 as an independent accrediting authority. Accreditation by this organization is a highly prized recognition of professional excellence in the practice of public works.



To achieve “*accredited*” status, the City of Springfield’s Department of Public Works complied with more than 375 “best practice” standards established by APWA for the operation of public works agencies. The APWA evaluation team examined all aspects of the Department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Participation in the APWA accreditation process is voluntary, yet important. It assures the citizens of Springfield that their public works department is among the best in the nation. Additionally, the Department must now maintain compliance with the identified standards and report annually to APWA.

On Jun 20, 2013, with formal acceptance by the Accreditation Council of APWA, the Department of Public Works received accreditation by APWA. Currently, the City of Springfield is the largest municipality in Missouri to achieve this level of recognition. As of June 2013, only three other agencies in Missouri have become accredited by APWA, and only 85 nationwide.

Public Works Director Phil Broyles stated, “I am proud to say that our agency is now within an elite group of public works agencies across the United States to have received accreditation status, as fewer than 1 percent of public works agencies have completed this process. we are considered to be one of the best Public Works agencies in this country and follow established best practices in our everyday business and have the right policies, procedures, and work plans to make this happen I am hopeful that APWA accreditation will spread throughout Missouri in the years to come, resulting in increased professionalism in the public works profession.”