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Nominations Sought for Outstanding Achievements in Local Public Works Projects

Olympia — Nominations are being sought for the ninth annual Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) Awards. The IACC is seeking nominations for outstanding achievement in Public Works Projects throughout the State. The IACC Awards will be presented at awards luncheon during the IACC Conference in Wenatchee on Wednesday, October 25th. Nominations are due Friday, September 8th.

The purpose of the IACC Awards is to acknowledge outstanding achievement by IACC members, local governments, and individuals whose efforts best showcase the mission of the IACC to assist rural communities in improving utilities and repairing failing infrastructure. Nominees should clearly demonstrate a commitment to communities, the infrastructure that makes communities livable, creative problem solving, or demonstrate a lifetime of success in these areas.

Nominations can be made in one of the following categories:

- Community impact
- Sustainability
- Transportation Improvements
- Solid- or wastewater
- Drinking water
- Capital facilities
- Creative solutions to common problems, and
- The coveted Joe Mitschelen lifetime achievement award for public service.

The nominees will be evaluated based upon how well local communities were involved in the project nominated; net benefit to the communities served; a clear pattern of sustainable community development, and a creative use of funding, or cost savings to rate and taxpayers.

Your IACC Conference registration materials will include a voter's pamphlet and a registration form for the "2017 Outstanding Achievement in Public Infrastructure Awards."

Last year's winners included the City of Pateros for the reinstallation of art work destroyed by devastating wildfires; Stevens County PUD for improvements to their water system; the Town of Rockford for their new waste water treatment facility; the City of Richland for the installation of LED street lighting and the neighboring community of West Richland was also honored for improvements to their capital facilities.

The IACC is dedicated to helping communities identify and obtain resources they need to develop, improve and maintain public works programs. Together with IACC, communities are better able to provide the infrastructure necessary to enhance, preserve and protect Washington's environment and quality of life.

For details on how to nominate individuals or organization for the IACC Awards for Outstanding Public Works Projects please visit www.infracfunding.wa.gov. Nominations must be postmarked or submitted to the IACC by Friday, September 8, 2017 at 5 p.m. Nomination forms, instructions and other information about the awards may be obtained by visiting the website or by contacting Russell Holter at 360.586.3533 or russell.holter@dahp.wa.gov in Olympia; or Cynthia Wall at 509-329-3537 in Spokane.

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Pronunciation guide: Mitschelen (MISH a-lin) like the tires.