

Press release

APM Awards 2022

Nick Smallwood, Chief Executive of the Infrastructure and Project Authority (IPA) and Head of Government’s Project Delivery Function receives Outstanding Achievement Award

22 November 2022 - The winners of the annual Association for Project Management (APM) Awards have been announced at a live awards ceremony which took place in London on Monday 21 November. The awards, sponsored by RPC UK Ltd, recognise the very best within the project profession – from project organisations, individuals and projects from across a broad range of sectors across the UK and internationally.

Nick Smallwood, Chief Executive of the Infrastructure and Project Authority (IPA) and Head of Government’s Project Delivery Function has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement award, in recognition of his commitment to the development of the project management profession.



In his role at the IPA, Nick has overseen the launch of the *Transforming Infrastructure Performance: Roadmap to 2030* strategy as well as the launch of the Government Projects Academy, which is dedicated to improving project delivery skills for professionals across government, to increase the capacity and capability to improve the delivery of public projects.

As well as transforming public projects, he is also driving industry to become more innovative, green and modern.

In a career spanning over 40 years, Nick has also worked as Vice President for Projects Engineering and Chief Projects Engineer at Shell, and has served as a Trustee of APM’s

Board; a role he held until November 2019, where he contributed to the overall development of the profession.

Nick Smallwood said: "It's a great honour to be presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award, which I hope reflects to others my passion, commitment and drive towards project delivery, in both the public and private sectors.

"I find great satisfaction in working within a profession that truly transforms the country that we live in. Projects ultimately deliver the public services that allow the UK to thrive, innovate and prosper - and people are of course at the very heart of this.

"This award is not just recognition for me, but also other government project professionals who are working tirelessly on our shared ambition to drive major improvement in project delivery."

Sue Kershaw, Managing Director, Transportation at Costain and APM President, said "I am delighted to have presented Nick with this award. In a changing and challenging world, he exemplifies the power of projects to benefit society, as well as helping to create a world where government projects succeed and those delivering them can be at their best."

Professor Adam Boddison, Chief Executive of APM, said: "I would like to congratulate Nick on winning this award and for all his outstanding work in delivering for the project profession.

"Our awards are all about celebrating the outstanding successes and achievements of those working in projects and I would like to congratulate all the award winners and finalists, they are a true reflection on the growing talent within the profession."

APM's Outstanding Achievement Award is a highly prized accolade and is only presented to an individual of the utmost calibre. In 2020, the award went to Lieutenant-General Tyrone Urch, Standing Joint Commander of the British Army in recognition of the army's work during the pandemic, and in 2021 the winner was John McNamee, project manager at NASA, in recognition for his contribution to the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover Project.

For details on all APM Award winners visit apm.org.uk/apm-awards/

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