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## International Public Works Collaboration Brings Asset Management Training to North America

**KANSAS CITY, MO. – JANUARY 9, 2017** – The American Public Works Association (APWA) and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) announced today the launch of their collaborative infrastructure management program. APWA and IPWEA will be working together to bring an internationally-recognized online education program in asset management to North America, beginning in Canada.

“Globally, the condition of our infrastructure is in decline and we need to practice asset management to work proactively toward solutions,” said APWA President, Ron Calkins, P.E., PWLF. “APWA is supporting the delivery of the *IPWEA Professional Certificate in Asset Management Planning*, initially to our Canadian members, through our associated Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA).”

“Capacity building in municipal asset management is a priority for the Government of Canada,” said CPWA President Andrew Stevenson. “CPWA recognized this need and has been working with IPWEA’s training arm, NAMS Canada, to bring its’ 20 years of experience in sustainable asset management to the municipal and public works infrastructure sectors in Canada.”

“IPWEA’s online Professional Certificate is an internationally recognized program. It provides the unique opportunity to write an organization’s asset management plan and earn a qualification at the same time,” said IPWEA Australasia President, Ross Goyne.

The joint international program builds on the face-to-face workshops that IPWEA’s NAMS Canada has been delivering for several years in association with local communities of practice, particularly across western Canada. NAMS Canada is recognized by the Engineering Institute of Canada as a quality provider of Continuing Education Units.

The Professional Certificate in asset management is delivered as eight modules over 10 weeks, and goes beyond the eight webinars to deliver an interactive online program using the *Cahoot* education platform. The next course commences March 6, 2017 and registration is now open.

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