# AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION Chapter IN THE NEWS

# The Public Works Institute of Texas (PWITX) Journey Continues

With over 100+ graduates, the PWITX Program continues on a solid path of growth since the first class started in April 2014. Note that recently, in April 2023, the City of Webster hosted Session 1 for Class 5 with a student roster of 50, the largest ever!

PWITX is managed by the Texas Chapter, American Public Works Association through a Committee chaired by Tim Tumulty.

The Program consists of four, 3-day sessions six months apart spanning over a two year timeframe, resulting in a professional certificate for completing 90+ hours of instruction. The classes rotate between four major geographic areas in Texas: Austin, San Antonio, Houston-Galveston and North Central Texas (DFW).

Daniel Kreuger, the current Committee Director for Curriculum, shares more details about the education and training:

The curriculum for the Public Works Institute mirrors the eleven-unit, two volume text for Public Works Administration as last published by APWA in 2017 and outlined below. The program covers basic and advanced supervision and management within public works functions and duties, as well as operations for public works organizations. The holistic objective is to equip leaders to be more effective in their public works organizations and within their respective governmental entities. With a travelling format over a two-year period, the Institute engages superbly experienced public works professionals from across Texas as teachers and coaches, and draws from the myriad of public



Class 4 Graduating Class in Oct22 with instructors and Chapter Representatives (photo: Ines Roach)

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works successes and challenges from Texas major cities and the surrounding regions. The Institute and curriculum are supportive of both individual efforts toward APWA professional certification as a Supervisor and/or Manager, and organizational efforts toward APWA accreditation.

Curriculum:

- Unit 1: Supervisory Techniques and Skills
- Unit 2: Basic Management Skills
- Unit 3: Communications Skills

Unit 4: Leadership Skills

- Unit 5: Community Service/Customer Orientation Skills
- Unit 6: Impact of Law on Public Works
- Unit 7: Fundamentals of Government
- Unit 8: Finance
- Unit 10: Overview of Public Works Operations
- Unit 11: Creating the Future

For additional information, the website: is pwitx.apwa.net or Ines Roach/Administrator publicworksinstitute\_tx@outlook.com



PWITX Committee congratulating the newest graduate in April 23– Jose Lemus from El Campo (photo: Ines Roach)

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