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Resolution supporting the Department of Public Works' application to the American Public Works Association for accreditation.

[Supporting the Department of Public Works accreditation efforts]

WHEREAS, The American Public Works Association (APWA) is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services; and,

WHEREAS, The mission of the Department of Public Works is to enhance the quality of life in San Francisco by providing outstanding public service by designing, building, operating, maintaining, greening, and improving the City's infrastructure, public rights of way, and facilities; and,

WHEREAS, The American Public Works Association provides a forum in which public works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics to public attention in local, state and federal arenas; and,

WHEREAS, APWA Accreditation is a voluntary, self-motivated approach to objectively measure, verify, and recognize compliance with national recommended management practices and standards; and,

WHEREAS, APWA Accreditation requires DPW to assess its practices and continuously improve by identifying efficiencies and optimizing resources; and,

WHEREAS, APWA Accreditation supports DPW's strategic vision to become a world class organization that contributes to making San Francisco a beautiful, livable, vibrant, and sustainable city; and

WHEREAS, APWA Accreditation application process requires DPW to conduct a self assessment of its management practices and present the findings to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, The results of DPW's self-assessment finds that out of the 546 APWA management practices, DPW performs 299 and fully or substantially complies with all management practices; and,

WHEREAS, DPW will work with the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and the community to solicit feedback on DPW's services to make improvements to the department's policies and procedures; and,

WHEREAS, DPW strives to join the other three Bay Area cities and counties that have received accreditation - the City of Oakland, City of Berkeley, and Contra Costa County; and,

WHEREAS, DPW is committed to applying for re-accreditation every three years, as required by APWA; and,

WHEREAS, DPW is committed to completing the accreditation process by the end of FY 2009-2010; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors supports the Department of Public Works in its efforts to obtain accreditation from the American Public Works Association.