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Charleston County's Public Works Engineering Manager Pandullo Named National APWA Public Works Leadership Fellow

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Charleston County's Public Works Engineering Manager, Francis Pandullo, was recently designated a Public Works Leadership Fellow (PWLF) by the American Public Works Association (APWA). As a PWLF fellow, Pandullo will mentor public works professionals enrolled in the APWA Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence (DCS Center) throughout the year. He is among 220 public works professionals from across North America who were recently inducted as Leadership Fellows (PWLF). The APWA Donald C. Stone Center's Program Council determines the selection of recipients for the PWLF designation.

"The average age of APWA members in leadership positions is 55 years old. As that group heads toward retirement, there is a critical need to bestow the senior public works leaders' accumulated wisdom on the next generation of leaders. The resulting knowledge transfer will help to position the next generation to better address the issues of the 21st Century," said APWA Executive Director Peter B. King. "The APWA PWLFs have pledged to assist those who aspire to become public works directors, executives, managers and supervisors through a focused mentoring program. The PWLF is a senior executive service designation from APWA's Donald C. Stone Center, "King said.

Pandullo has been involved in the design, construction management, and administration of public works projects for over 50 years. He holds licenses as a Professional Engineer in New Jersey, Delaware, Florida and South Carolina. Prior to his current position as the Charleston County Public Works Engineering Manager, he was in private practice as a Consulting Engineering and Environmental Professional from 2001 to 2011. Prior to that, Pandullo served as the Borough Administrator and Engineer, Borough of Woodbury Heights, Gloucester County from June, 1986 to December, 2000. He was also the founder and principal of PQA Engineering Company from 1961 to 1983. His areas of specialization include wastewater treatment facilities design and permitting, stormwater pollution prevention plan, stormwater management plans and national pollutant discharge elimination systems, as well as management of multi-disciplined technical organizations and public agencies. His professional experience also includes administration of public government programs and contract negotiations with public employee union organizations.

He is happy to participate in the PWLF program. "APWA's DCS Program affords me the opportunity to contribute to the body of knowledge in the conduct of public works projects," Pandullo said. "For the mentees, the opportunity is there to tap into the knowledge and experience of a professional who has witnessed the maturation of public works over 50 years," he added.

Pandullo earned a Master of Science in Management in 1975 from Manhattan College. He also holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Manhattan College as well. He has served in the U.S. Air Force, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. During this time, he was a pilot assigned to the Strategic Air Command as an Aircraft Commander of KC-97 Mid-Air Refueling Operations.

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