

What is the Public Works Service Bureau?

The Iowa Public Works Service Bureau (PWSB) provides a resource for public works staff members from cities of all sizes to connect with and learn from others how best to improve work efficiencies, learn new techniques, and maximize available resources. Our goal is “communicate to innovate!”

Member Forums

Have a question you’d love to ask other cities? Ask them in our [member forums](#) (visible to members only). While you’re there, stop and see what others are talking about. Some of our newer discussions include staffing/city organizational charts, electronic bidding software, funding for street repair, and training. Be sure to click on “subscribe” just above the discussions table to subscribe to any forums you are interested in. You can also click the box to “notify me of follow-up replies via email” just before you post a new discussion.



Street Reports

Our [street reports](#) (visible to members only) have been updated to include the 2021 financial information. We have also added reports for bridge conditions and pavement miles by condition. Check out our [video tutorials](#) for tips on how to use the various interactive features of the reports.

Help us help YOU!

The PWSB currently has 204 members. If you haven’t already done so, please [register!](#) We are here to help you. We are constantly working to improve and enhance the site. If you have any ideas of something you’d like to see, send us your [suggestions](#).



Coming soon...

Have you ever wondered what other cities are paying for a particular bid item? We will soon be able to tell you! Staff is currently working on a bid tab database for awarded contracts with bid quantities and unit costs for projects across the state. This information will be displayed in another interactive report for you to explore and examine. If you would like to assist with this projects by sharing your awarded contract information, email Beth.



Message from the Director

“As a former public works director myself, I know the many complications that arise in public works every day. We have created the Iowa Public Works Service Bureau as a valuable resource for YOU. I urge you to take the time to register and utilize all the site has to offer. If you’re already registered, encourage others to join and be sure to visit our site and interact regularly.”

--Paul Wiegand, PWSB Director

Let’s get Social!

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Questions?

If you have any questions about the PWSB, please contact Beth Richards (brich@iastate.edu).