

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

Want to be part of the conversation? Check out our [member forums](#) (visible to members only). Over the past month, our forum discussions have greatly increased. Conversations include topics like [employee retention](#), [vegetation maintenance](#), [electronic bidding software](#), [equipment replacement](#), [entry-level driver training regulations](#), and more.



Per the request of our users, we are now sending an email to all registered users when there is a new forum discussion. You may also click the "subscribe" button at the top of any forum topic to receive automatic emails from our website when a new discussion has started.

Other Features

We have many other helpful features on the PWSB site and encourage you to take full advantage of them:

- Our [Street Reports](#) section has more than a dozen interactive dashboards and charts accessible to members to compare their streets and spending with cities of similar size and/or budgets.
- The [Job Board](#) can be utilized to view or post (members only) new public works positions around the state.
- Anyone registered as a member has access to the contact information of other members on our [Contacts](#) page.
- A [Training and Educational Opportunities](#) page shows upcoming events that may be of interest to you and your staff.
- Check out our [Headlines](#) for the latest public works-related news.

Help us help YOU!

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 and would love to hear your [suggestions](#). We need to get as many cities involved as possible to increase the program's value, so please register today!



Bid Tab Database

Have you ever wondered what other cities are paying for a particular bid item? We will soon be able to tell you! Our bid tab database for awarded contracts with bid quantities and unit costs is almost ready for debut on the site. This will be another interactive report for you to explore and examine. If you would like to assist with this project by sharing your awarded contract information, email [Beth](mailto:beth@iastate.edu).

Message from the Program Coordinator

“Starting a new program has been a daunting but exciting adventure. Seeing the discussions on the member forums this past month has been so rewarding! We created the Iowa Public Works Service Bureau as a valuable resource for YOU; please register and utilize all the site has to offer. If you're already registered, help us recruit others and interact on the site regularly.”

—Beth Richards, PWSB Coordinator



Let's get Social!

Connect with us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/iowapwsb), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/iowapwsb), and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/iowapwsb).

Come see Us

PWSB staff will be exhibitors at some events this fall. We will be attending the Iowa League of Cities' Annual Conference on September 28-30 in Waterloo and the APWA Iowa Chapter's Fall Conference on October 6-7 in Sioux City. If you are attending either event, please stop by and say hi!

Questions?

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

