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2024 APWA KS
Spring Conference

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Season's Greetings!

As we bid farewell to 2023 and eagerly await the arrival of 2024, I want to express gratitude to each and every one of you, our valued members, and our esteemed executive board. Leading this extraordinary group of individuals from across the state has been an honor and I am humbled by having the privilege.

The past year has been a whirlwind of activity, with all of us hustling and bustling through various tasks, covering extra duties, and navigating the challenges that time constraints often bring. It's a testament to the dedication and hard work of everyone involved.

Reflecting on the personal aspect of 2023, I was blessed to have welcomed another addition to our family, my newborn daughter, Lexi Ann. While my wife deserves all the credit, I like to think I played a supportive role, except for that brief moment when I was on the verge of passing out. While the year started out happy, the year took an unexpected 180 degree turn when my sister-in-law succumbed to a brief, intense battle with cancer at the age of 41. This loss prompted a pause for reflection, emphasizing the importance of counting our blessings—family, friends, colleagues, career, home, and more.



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Our chapter also experienced a great loss this past year. In remembering the passing of Rob Ott, the director of public works for the City of Manhattan, we mourn the loss of a great person and friend. Rob's dedication to APWA, his career, and, above all, his family, was commendable. I had the honor of previously serving on our board with Rob as the president. He volunteered to speak at our fall conference this year. Rob called me a few days before his passing, while he was in the hospital. The voicemail he left me, advising to find a replacement speaker as he might not be around, was a stark reminder of life's fragility. It was a difficult message to hear, but it reinforced my gratitude for the many blessings in my life.

While acknowledging the challenges, let's not forget that 2023 was a year filled with greatness. This reflection isn't meant to dampen the holiday spirit but to encourage a moment of contemplation. Take a break this holiday season, spend quality time with loved ones, and friends. Our professional responsibilities can wait until tomorrow.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this year. As I conclude my presidency, I extend warm wishes to each of you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Before I sign off, here's a useful piece of advice: If you ever find yourself pulled over for speeding, consider not representing yourself in court. Trust me, it's a battle you might not win. Sometimes, it's just simpler to pay the ticket.

Warm regards,
Michael Heigert
APWA KS Chapter President

Remembering Rob Ott



January 5, 1973 -
October 11, 2023

Rob's life as a professional civil engineer spanned over two decades. From 2000 to the summer of 2005, Rob worked as the State Corridor Engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation. In early fall of 2005, he took the position of City Engineer for the City of Manhattan. He then was promoted to Public Works Director for the City of Manhattan in 2014. He held that position until he passed. He was a member of the American Public Works Association and served as the President of the Kansas Chapter.

Rob's many career accomplishments include redevelopment projects, utility relocations, expansions of major roadways, collaborations with both state and federal government agencies on projects such as the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility, and the Manhattan levee system. He also used his leadership skills to secure millions of dollars in state and federal funding.

In early 2023, a joint maintenance facility, a project he worked for years to bring to reality for members of the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments, was opened for use. He was shocked, honored, and most certainly surprised that the City of Manhattan dedicated the facility in his honor. They chose to name it the Robert K. Ott Municipal Services Facility.

APWA AWARDS INFORMATION

APWA AWARDS SUBMITTAL

SAVE THE DATE

February 5, 2024

The 2024 National APWA Awards are now available on-line to review the criteria and submittal requirements <http://www.apwa.net> . For the Kansas APWA Chapter, the deadline to submit your project is February 5, 2024. You will submit them to me directly via email to baletkowski@transystems.com I must have them by midnight February 5, 2024. I can accept most formats such as .doc; .pdf; pdf is the preferred format. If your submittal is over 10MB please contact me via phone at 316-303-3011 so we can make different arrangements. I would also ask that you submit between 8 – 12 photos in jpeg format of your project. Below are the different categories for submitting.

Project of the year award

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects.

Awards are given in four divisions:

1. Projects less than \$5 million
2. Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million
3. Projects of \$25 million to \$75 million
4. Projects more than \$75 million

and five categories:

1. Structures—to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.
2. Transportation—to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.
3. Environment—to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.
4. Historical Restoration/Preservation—to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, etc.
5. Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair—to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

Project of the year award for small cities/rural communities

The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award for agencies from cities or counties with a population of 75,000 or less was established to promote excellence in demonstrating creativity, ingenuity, and efficiency in the delivery of Public Works projects that have a profound impact on the community. The award does not have a fixed dollar amount and can include, but is not limited to, the following categories: structures, environmental, historic preservation, emergency response, or transportation projects that have created a positive impact on the life of the community. The Award is given for impact in the community as compared to a dollar amount.

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The categories which could be included are:

1. Structures – to include new public structures or the preservation/or rehabilitation of existing public structures including, municipal buildings and parks. Other structures as defined in the Historic Restoration/Preservation and Transportation categories shall not be considered in the structures category.
2. Transportation – to include roads, bridges, mass transit that serve any or all modes of travel including bicycles and foot traffic. Other transportation projects as defined in the Historical Restoration/Preservation and Structures categories shall not be considered in the Transportation category.
3. Environment – to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, and sewer projects.
4. Historical Restoration/Preservation – to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, that are 75 years or older to qualify as historical
5. Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair – to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

Please note, if you submit an award under the small cities/rural communities, you cannot submit the same project for Project of the Year Award.

Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award

The Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year program seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any one single event or project.

There are five Professional Award Categories and their criteria can be found at the link below:

1. Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works
2. Excellence in Snow and Ice Control
3. Exceptional Performance Awards (6 categories)
4. Management Innovation Award
5. Technical Innovation Award

There are sixteen Member Award Categories and their criteria can be found at the link below:

1. Chapter Membership Achievement Award
2. Community Involvement Award
3. Distinguished Service to Public Works Award
4. Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education
5. Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service
6. International Service Award
7. Professional Manager of the Year Award - Administrative Management
8. Professional Manager of the Year Award - Engineering and Technology
9. Professional Manager of the Year Award - Facilities and Grounds
10. Professional Manager of the Year Award - Public Fleet
11. Professional Manager of the Year Award - Public Right-of-Way
12. Professional Manager of the Year Award – Public Works Emergency Management
13. Professional Manager of the Year Award - Solid Waste

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- Professional Manager of the Year Award - Transportation
- Professional Manager of the Year Award - Water Resources
- Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award

Kansas Chapter George Williams Award

The George Williams Award was created in recognition of outstanding excellence and dedication in public service through the outstanding achievements and accomplishments of an individual public works official.

George Williams for Excellence in Public Works

Purpose

To recognize excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding achievements of an individual public works official.

Eligibility

1. Individual nominees must be active members of the Kansas Chapter American Public Works Association.
2. Nominee must have made long term contribution and commitment to the Kansas Chapter (i.e. committee participation, executive committee).
3. Nominee must have worked as an employee for a minimum of ten years with a single public agency (city, county or state) and be currently employed by a public agency.
4. Nominee must have contributed to his / her community (i.e. service organization, church, charitable organization, etc.).

Nominations

Any individual may nominate candidates. Persons submitting nominations must be a Kansas Chapter APWA member(s). No self-nominations will be accepted. Forms for nomination are available through the Awards Committee of the Kansas Chapter APWA.

Selection

Before nominating a person for this award, the sponsor shall contact the individual to insure concurrence by the candidate to be nominated to the Kansas APWA. The burden of furnishing evidence on behalf of the candidate will fall on the candidate. All of the individual's nomination information must be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairperson of Kansas Chapter APWA no later than February 1, 2021. The Executive Committee will review the candidates' information and make the determination on the selection for the award.

Presentation

The award shall be made during the annual spring meeting of the Kansas Chapter of APWA. It is proposed that the award be made when a worthy candidate is presented. No award need be made if it is determined by the Executive Committee that the achievements of any nominee are not sufficient merit to warrant this recognition.

2024 APWA
PROFESSIONAL AWARDS



GEORGE WILLIAMS AWARD for Excellence in Public Works

Supporting Data Form
DEADLINE -February 5, 2024

PROFESSION

Candidate's Name		Title	
Agency/Organization			
Address (if post office box, include street address)			
City	State-Province	Zip-Postal Code	
Phone	Fax	E-mail	

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following topics.

- A. **Employment Record** - Briefly list all employment positions, dates or each position and description of responsibilities. Begin with current employment (including consulting work). Please limit descriptions to four sentences.
- B. **Job-Related Technical and Managerial Accomplishments** - Describe all major achievements and accomplishments. State specifically your role in each. Include innovations in technical and/or mamagerial fields.
- C. **Experience and Education** - Include colleges and universities attended, dates of attendance, majors, and degrees received. Also list attendance at professional institutes and on-the-job training.
- D. **Publications and or Presentations** - List any published articles and/or papers delivered at professional meetings.
- E. **Professional Involvement** - List Organizations, activities, offices held: 1) National / International level; 2) State / Local level.
- F. **Community Service** - List organizations, activities, offices held.
- G. **Awards** - List educational, professional and civic awards. Include recognition for public service.

Nominated By		Agency/Organization	
Address (if post office box, include street address)			
City	State-Province	Zip-Postal Code	
Phone	Fax	E-mail	

FORWARD THIS FORM AND SIX COPIES OF SUBMITTAL OR E-MAIL A PDF OF THIS FORM AND SUBMITTAL TO:

Brett Letkowski, PE, APWA Kansas Chapter Awards Director
 TranSystems, 245 N. Waco, Suite 222
 Wichita, KS 67202
 E-mail: baletkowski@transystems.com

TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS LEADERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose The Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year program seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any one single event or project.

Eligibility It is the intent of this award to recognize the career service accomplishments of public works professionals and officials. Towards that end, candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated from any of the following categories. APWA membership is required. Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. Individuals are only eligible to receive the Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award on one occasion.

1. Public Sector

Public sector candidates may come from any of the three following categories having a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience:

- a. Any non-elected, employee of a federal, state, provincial, county or municipal government, that is responsible for one or more major subdivisions of a governmental agency. Most of the candidate's time and efforts must be devoted to the administration and management of the design, construction, maintenance and/or operation of a street or highway system, refuse collection or disposal system, public building, drainage or flood control facility, airport, harbor, utilities or any other type of public works installation.
- b. Service in an appointed (non-elected) position on a board or commission charged with the oversight or policy level review of public works or infrastructure issues. Such service may have been at the federal, state, provincial, county or municipal government level dealing with surface transportation systems, refuse, solid waste, and recycling systems, public buildings, drainage or flood control, airports, harbors, or any other type of public works or infrastructure systems. Such positions may typically be represented by the following examples: City Manager, Public Works Commissioner, Roads Commissioner, Highway Commissioner, Transportation Commissioner, Airport Commissioner, Port Authority Commissioner, or other comparable position.
- c. Elected officials who have prior qualifying experience from either category "a" or "b" may also be considered as candidates.

2. Private Sector

Private sector public works and/or civil engineering professionals having a minimum of 10 years of involvement in public sector public works activities may be eligible, if their qualifying activities have come from the following areas:

- a. Experience as a contract Director of Public Works/City Engineer or comparable position, which was provided by means of a contract service from a private sector firm to a governmental entity; or
- b. A combination of prior qualifying experience in the public sector (see number 1) and/or service as a consultant engaged in the provision of public works-related services to the public sector.

Selection The Top Ten are selected by five past Top Ten award recipients appointed by the APWA President.

Nomination Process Any governmental entity, group, or individual may nominate candidates. Nominations are particularly encouraged from APWA chapters and branches. Self-nominations are not accepted. APWA membership is required. Submittals should include nomination form and supporting data form. It is encouraged that these materials be completed by the nominating party and not be left for the candidate to submit. Please refer to directions as outlined on supporting data form.

Deadline March 1, 2023 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation The award winners are presented with a plaque during National Public Works Week and recognized during PWX, and other such venues as the association deems appropriate. Winners are also featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients 2022 Kealy Dedman, P.Eng., Commissioner of Public Works, Brampton, ON
 Beverly "Bev" Farraher, P.E., PTOE, Public Works Operations Manager, City of St. Paul, MN
 Anthony "Tony" Hofmann, PMP, F.SAME, Director of Public Works, City of Overland Park, KS
 Jeff May, P.E., PWLF, Public Works Director, City of Clive, IA
 Michael "Mike" Millette, P.E., Director of Public Works/Village Engineer, Village of South Elgin, KS
 Jennifer Perry, P.E., Public Works Director, Town of Exeter, NH
 Toby Rickman, P.E., PWLF, Deputy Director, Perce County Public Works, Tacoma, WA
 Scott Smith, P.E., LS, CPWP-M, Senior Civil Engineer/Project Manager, Public Works Engineering, City of Hampton, VA
 Teresa C. Smith, P.E., PWLF, PMP, DBIA, Georgia Alternative Deliver Practice Leader, Volkert, Inc., Atlanta GA
 Jenifer Willer, P.E., City Engineer, City of Eugene, OR

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD

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- C. Environment – to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, and sewer projects.
- D. Historical Restoration/Preservation – to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, that are 75 years or older to qualify as historical.
- E. Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair – to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

Eligibility Public works projects must be developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies. To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use.

A project may only be nominated once for recognition as “Project of the Year” under any category.

Selection The Project of the Year Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

Criteria Criteria to be used in the selection process include:

1. Use of good construction management techniques and completion of the project on schedule.
2. Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program for workers and the public during and after construction, where applicable.
3. Community relations as evidenced by efforts to minimize public inconvenience due to construction, safety precautions to protect public lives and property, provision of observation areas, guided tours, or other means of improving relations between agency and the public.
4. Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project, as well as climate change and/or resiliency components for long-term community benefit.
5. Unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions including, but not limited to age or condition of the facility, adverse weather, soil or other site conditions over which there is no control.
6. Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.
7. Use of alternative materials, practices or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability, climate change resiliency, and/or use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent.

Nomination Process Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or APWA chapters. Please refer to the Supporting Data Form for more directions.

Deadline February 3, 2023 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation A designated representative of the public agency, contractor and consultant are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX, and winners are featured in APWA publications.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Deadline February 5, 2024
(electronic submittals only)

Project Name

Project Completion Date

Must be substantially completed (90%) and available for public use as of December 31, 2023.

Public Agency

Project Category

- Structures
- Transportation
- Environment
- Historical Restoration/Preservation
- Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair

Project Division

- Less than \$5 Million
- \$5 Million, but less than \$25 Million
- \$25 Million–\$75 Million
- More than \$75 Million

Managing Agency

Name

Title

Agency/Organization

Address (if post office box, include street address)

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Phone

E-mail

Primary Contractor

Name

Title

Agency/Organization

Address (if post office box, include street address)

City State/Province Zip-Postal Code

Phone

E-mail

Primary Consultant

Name

Title

Agency/Organization

Address (if post office box, include street address)

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Phone

E-mail

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**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD
FOR SMALL CITIES/RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Purpose The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award for agencies from cities or counties with a population of 75,000 or less is established to promote excellence in demonstrating creativity, ingenuity, and efficiency in the delivery of public works projects that have a profound impact on the community.

The award is given for positive impact in the community as compared to dollar amount.

Project categories are:

- A. Structures – to include new public structures or the preservation/or rehabilitation of existing public structures including, municipal buildings and parks. Other structures as defined in the Historic Restoration/Preservation and Transportation categories shall not be considered in the structures category.
- B. Transportation – to include roads, bridges, mass transit that serve any or all modes of travel including bicycles and foot traffic. Other transportation projects as defined in the Historical Restoration/Preservation and Structures categories shall not be considered in the Transportation category.
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- E. Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair – to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

Eligibility Public works projects must be developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies. To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use.

A project may only be nominated once for recognition as “Project of the Year” under any category.

Selection The Project of the Year Committee reviews the nominations and selects the award winners.

Criteria Criteria to be used in the selection process include:

- 1. Development of the project to meet a perceived need of the community.
- 2. Use of alternative materials, practices or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability and/or use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent.
- 3. Unique or unusual accomplishments under adverse conditions that dictated the defined action.
- 4. Economic challenges that the community faced and the rationale of the option chosen.
- 5. Creative use of municipal resources, equipment, labor, or funds that produced measurable benefits to the community.
- 6. Construction processes that minimize the impact to the community and its residents during construction.
- 7. Demonstrate awareness of opportunities for environmental preservation during the project and how they were incorporated in the project design and construction.
- 8. Additional conditions deemed of importance to the public works agency, such as exceptional efforts to maintain quality control and, if value engineering is used, construction innovations as evidenced by time and/or money-saving techniques developed and/or successfully utilized.

Nomination Process Nominations of projects can be made by the managing public agency or APWA chapters. Please refer to the Supporting Data Form for more directions.

Deadline February 3, 2023 (electronic submittals only)

Presentation A designated representative of the public agency, contractor and consultant are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX, and winners are featured in APWA publications.



PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD SMALL CITIES/RURAL COMMUNITIES NOMINATION FORM

Deadline February 5, 2024
(electronic submittals only)

Project Name

Project Completion Date

Must be substantially completed (90%) and available for public use as of December 31, 2023.

Public Agency

City or County Population *Must be 75,000 or less.*

Project Category

- Structures
- Transportation
- Environment
- Historical Restoration/Preservation
- Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair

Managing Agency

Name

Title

Agency/Organization

Address (if post office box, include street address)

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Phone

E-mail

Primary Contractor

Name

Title

Agency/Organization

Address (if post office box, include street address)

City State/Province Zip-Postal Code

Phone

E-mail

Primary Consultant

Name

Title

Agency/Organization

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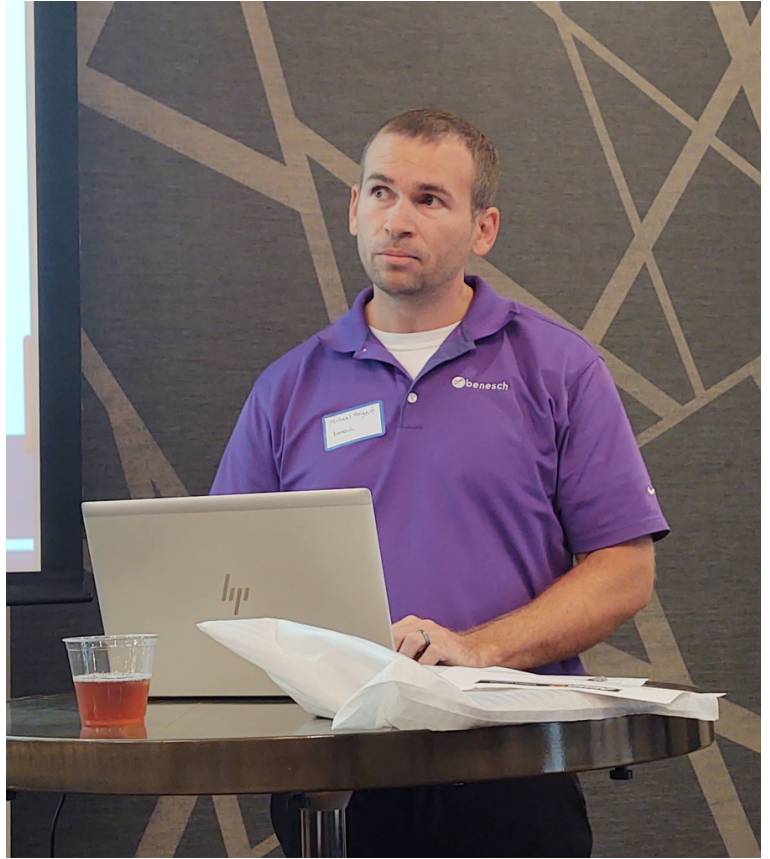
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KS CHAPTER APWA FALL CONFERENCE





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for being our guest!

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SALINA DOWNTOWN

Karla

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your guests at the event you hosted in our downtown Salina property!

We appreciate you business!

Please join us again when you need space in Salina!

Sincerely - The Selection
Heather, Sharon, Zoe