

South Carolina Certified Public Manager® 2022 George C. Askew Award Winner

The George C. Askew Award is given annually to an individual (or individuals) deemed to have completed an exemplary Certified Public Manager Capstone Project for the year.

It was created by the American Academy of Certified Public Managers® to recognize outstanding projects throughout the country and was named in honor of George C. Askew who, by virtue of being the first name called in the first CPM graduation ceremony in Georgia in 1976, became the first individual to be certified by a Certified Public Manager® program.

Each CPM Program, through its director, may nominate a capstone project to be given the award for its local program.

The South Carolina Certified Public Manager Program congratulates the recipient of the 2022 George C. Askew Award, Jeffrey Terry, District Engineering Administrator, SC Department of Transportation.

The criteria for selection include that the project should:

- Be innovative in its approach.
- Demonstrate an improvement in quality within the work unit as a result of the project.
- Show cost savings of the result of the implementation of the project.
- Be an outstanding demonstration of CPM principles.

Nathan Strong and Bill Tomes serve as project mentors for the program. They review every project in its entirety and provide feedback and guidance to the CPM candidates. There were many great projects that will positively impact agency processes and the citizens agencies serve. Selecting a winner each year is no small task. About this year's Askew Award winner, Bill Tomes had this to say:

"Jeff's project, *Routine Planned Highway Maintenance Performance Tracking and Budget Planning Tool*, is an effort to provide to both SCDOT managers and field units up-to-date data on highway maintenance needs and the costs to complete the maintenance requirements. We've all experienced South Carolina roads that need repair. This tool would allow for more accurate maintenance budgeting and give field units the ability to prioritize work and track progress. I was impressed with Jeff's consideration of the many variables that impact performance in developing the tracking tool. Most importantly, he was able to link this effort to his agency's strategic plan, further demonstrating the project's benefits to DOT and the citizens of South Carolina."

Two graduates were selected to receive an honorable mention for their projects:

Anneta Pritchard, SC Forestry Commission

Louis Eubank, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control