

PMAA RECOGNIZED WITH EMPOWERING WOMEN AWARD

The Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) has received a 2026 Empowering Women award from Central Penn Business Journal and Lehigh Valley Business for its efforts to advance women's leadership and expand professional opportunities across Pennsylvania's municipal authority sector. PMAA accepted the award on Tuesday, August 18, at the 2026 Empowering Women and Pennsylvania's Most Influential Leaders celebration held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Reading.

The Empowering Women awards recognize organizations that demonstrate meaningful efforts to support women in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania. PMAA was recognized for addressing the underrepresentation of women in the traditionally male-dominated water, sewer, and solid waste sector, particularly in leadership roles.

A cornerstone of PMAA's efforts is its WIN (Women, Innovation, Networking) Conference, launched in 2018. The conference has grown from a targeted networking event into a statewide leadership platform. It highlights women as subject matter experts and leaders in operations, engineering, finance, communications, administration, and executive leadership.

PMAA has also expanded opportunities for women through mentorship, workforce development, committee involvement and its Future Leaders program. These efforts help participants build skills, strengthen professional networks and prepare for leadership roles.

"We are incredibly proud to accept this recognition on behalf of PMAA and the women who continue to strengthen our Association and our industry," said PMAA President Melissa Radovanic. "This award reflects our progress and reinforces our responsibility to keep opening doors, developing leaders, and creating pathways for the next generation of women leaders."

"Women bring tremendous expertise, perspective and leadership to the municipal authority sector, and PMAA is committed to making sure those contributions are recognized and supported," Radovanic said. "We are grateful to Central Penn Business Journal and Lehigh Valley Business for recognizing this work and motivated to keep building an industry where women can thrive and lead."

The 2026 Empowering Women Award recognizes PMAA's ongoing efforts to strengthen leadership and professional opportunities across Pennsylvania's municipal authority sector. 💧

