



## **What Does Accreditation Mean to Rowlett?**

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# AGENDA



## **Agenda**

- Introduction
- Accreditation Background
- Accreditation Benefits for Rowlett

# ACCREDITATION



## Introduction

- Population
  - 61,000 currently
  - 92,000 buildout
- Public Works Department
  - Streets
  - Drainage
  - Water distribution
  - Wastewater collection
  - Facilities
  - Fleet
  - CIP Engineering
  - Asset Management

*The **Mission** of the City of Rowlett Department of Public Works is to provide Quality Services (Streets, Alleys, and Utilities) with the least disruption to our community.*

*The **Vision** of the Public Works Department is to be an organization that employs safe, efficient, effective, best practices; provides quality maintenance programs and systems (Streets, bridges, traffic, drainage and stormwater, utilities, water distribution & sewer collection systems, engineering, and construction management services); promotes investment in lasting value in our community; provides fiscally sustainable solutions for our community; provides quality infrastructure and strives to become an APWA Accredited Agency committed to continuous improvement respected by our peers and our community!*

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## **Introduction – cont.**

- **Public Works Department**
  - **Maintains**
    - ✦ 536 lane miles of streets
    - ✦ 105 miles of alleys
    - ✦ 18 facilities
    - ✦ Over 450 vehicles & equipment
    - ✦ 250 miles of waterlines
    - ✦ 230 miles of sanitary sewer lines
    - ✦ 25 lift stations
    - ✦ 112 miles of storm drainage lines
  - **71 employees (lean and mean)!**

# ACCREDITATION



## Accreditation Background

- **Public Works Department**
  - Began evaluating Accreditation process in 2004 under the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Practices Manual
    - ✦ Did not have buy-in from leadership
    - ✦ Did not have the resources for Accreditation Manager
    - ✦ Economy downturn

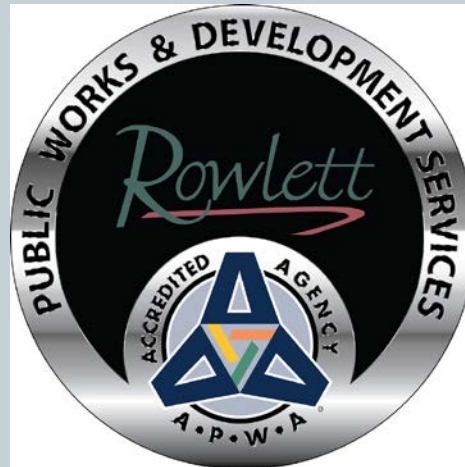


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## Accreditation Background

- **Public Works Department**
  - Began Self Assessment in 2013 after submitting application
  - Delays due to EF4 tornado recovery effort
  - Accredited on June 7, 2017 for both Public Works & Development Services
    - ✦ 26 functional areas
    - ✦ 423 practices
  - 124<sup>th</sup> agency accredited
    - ✦ 9<sup>th</sup> in TX
    - ✦ 1<sup>st</sup> in Dallas County!



# ACCREDITATION



## Accreditation Benefits

- Re-affirmed areas where we perform well
- Identified areas to improve
- Accountability
- Improves succession planning
- Asset management
- Engaged employees
- Improved a sense of pride for employees and City

