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Keys Energy Services director of human resources & communications receives public power service award

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9, 2020 — Julio Torrado, director of human resources & communications at Keys Energy Services in Key West, Florida, received the Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes individuals for their service to the American Public Power Association.

Julio Torrado has been an active member of APPA since 2003 and has contributed countless hours to advance the goals of the association. He currently serves on APPA's Public Communications, Human Resources, and Energy Services committees. He has also served as Chair and Vice Chair of Customer Connections Section, and Chair and Vice Chair of Public Communications Committee for the association. Julio is involved in organizations outside the electric utility industry, as well, such as the Society of Human Resources Managers; the Public Relations Society of America, which awarded him the Bronze Anvil Award; Harry S. Truman Little White House Auxiliary; and the Board of Wesley House Family Services for which he served as chair.

Julio is a great steward to the community. He was the City of Key West Ambassador Class Eight in 2007 and won the "Point of Light" designation in 2009 by Former Florida Governor Charlie Crist, which recognizes residents who demonstrate exemplary service to the community. Annually, Julio coordinates community events for the Keys including children's day, career days, blood drives, energy conversation art contests, tree planting education campaigns, and more.

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