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City of Acworth director of power and public works receives leadership award

Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — Angie Luna, director of power and public works for the city of Acworth, Georgia, received the Robert E. Roundtree Rising Star Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award is a scholarship presented to future leaders in public power. Luna will receive a stipend to travel to one of APPA's conferences or training programs to advance her education and development in public power.

Angie has been on a rapid career trajectory since starting her service in public power in 2013. She joined Acworth Power in 2019 after serving at the Fort Valley Utility Commission and the city of Norcross in Georgia. As a director, she has taken the initiative to participate in all city-sponsored leadership development programs. Angie currently oversees an operating budget of more than \$14 million and 41 full-time employees. She leads the city's emergency preparedness leadership team and has significantly improved policies and communications with other city departments to ensure that the city is prepared for any crisis that could potentially disrupt service. She has also taken the initiative to apply for federal funding that enables the city's first step toward the utilization of smart meters. Angie continuously strives to grow professionally as a public power leader.

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