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Anniston Water Works HR Manager Kelli H. Bentley Named to "Local Gov 250" List of America's Top Public Service Champions

ANNISTON, ALABAMA – March 16, 2026 – The Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board (AWWSB) is proud to announce that Human Resources Manager Kelli H. Bentley has been selected as one of America's 250 Public Service Champions, recognized nationally as part of the prestigious Local Gov 250.

The Local Gov 250 is a national initiative designed to honor and elevate the role of local government as the United States approaches its 250th anniversary. Through storytelling, recognition, and innovation, the initiative highlights how dedicated public servants have shaped—and continue to shape—American democracy from the ground up. The program shines a spotlight on the profound daily impact #publicservants have in communities across the country.

Since joining AWWSB in February 2022, Bentley has been a driving force behind employee development and operational excellence. She has been instrumental in designing and implementing internal training programs as well as cultivating regional partnerships dedicated to the education and advancement of water and wastewater professionals throughout the area.

“Kelli’s dedication to our workforce and the wider water profession goes above and beyond everyday expectations. We are thrilled to see her recognized on a national stage for the incredible work she does for our team and region,” said Ed Turner, General Manager, AWWSB.

A native of the Calhoun/Cleburne County area and a 1988 graduate of The Donoho School, Bentley is highly dedicated to continuous professional growth. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Columbia Southern University in 2023 and is currently in her final semester of graduate school, pursuing her Master's degree at the same institution. She also holds the distinguished credential of Senior Certified Human Resource Professional through the Public Sector HR Association (PSHRA).

To learn more about the Local Gov 250 initiative and its mission to celebrate public service, visit <https://www.localgov250.org/champions>. For more information about the Anniston Water Works and Sewer Board, please visit www.awwsb.org.