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SUBJECT: City of Duluth wins 2022 MN AWWA Best In Glass award for best-tasting drinking water

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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth has won the 2022 Best In Glass Award for best-tasting drinking water in Minnesota. The taste test honors were awarded at the Minnesota Section of the American Water Works Association's annual conference in September at the DECC. All Minnesota municipal utilities have the opportunity to compete in this event.

The contest involved two rounds of judging. In the first round, the top three samples were selected by popular vote of the participants of the conference. The three finalists along with the People's Choice Award winner from the Minnesota State Fair then advanced to the final round, at which time a panel of taste-testing experts determined the "Best In Glass" winner and crowned the City of Duluth's water the state champion.

"Duluthians have always known our tap water tastes better than anything you can buy in a bottle, but it's really nice to have it made official by the AWWA," said Public Works and Utilities Director Jim Benning about the honor. "It's a real testament to the hard work and dedication of all of the City employees who put a ton of pride into the work of maintaining the public water supply."

The Best In Glass honor was bestowed upon the City of Duluth in 2013, as well. St. Paul won the award in 2021.

Duluth will represent the state of Minnesota at the 2022 AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition in the "Best of the Best" competition in June of 2023 in Toronto, Canada.

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