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**BELD Engineering and Operations Manager receives public power service award**

**San Diego, California, June 11, 2024** — Weijun Li, Engineering and Operations Manager with the Braintree Electric Light Department, received the Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award during the American Public Power Association’s National Conference in San Diego, California. The award recognizes individuals for their service to the American Public Power Association (APPA).

Li began his career with the Braintree Electric Light Department in Massachusetts as a Junior Engineer, having earned his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering. After subsequently obtaining a master’s degree in electrical engineering, as well as an MBA, Weijun earned the title of Professional Engineer, before ultimately ascending to the role of Engineering and Operations Manager. Weijun has served not only his community, but the public power network by volunteering on committees including the Northeast Public Power Association’s Mutual Aid Committee, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers/Power and Energy Society Transformers Committee, and as an active participant at many APPA events.

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