

# THE CENTERLINE

IRWA Chapter 8 Gulf States  
December 2018

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was a wonderful turnout for the annual Christmas meeting with over a hundred in attendance. A big thanks to the officers who gave of their time and efforts to make this event successful.

'It's not what happens to you, but how you handle it, that matters.' This could not be truer as the officers planned this Christmas meeting. The first variation from the traditional Christmas meeting was to move the meeting from the first Friday of the month to a Tuesday. Unfortunately, we encountered a conflict with HESS (the venue) and the speaker's schedule, and had no choice but to change the meeting day. Second, the Marines were unable to join us due to a mandatory inspection at their base. Third, we arranged for banquet style dining and as we arrived, learned that the meeting was set up for a buffet. Big thanks to the officers for just rolling with the punches.

A heartfelt thanks to Courtney Hart. She and Cindy with Discovery Toys raised a grand total of \$7,200 toward Toys for Tots which is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Thank you all for your monetary contributions and the gifts.

I hope you all enjoyed our guest speaker, Mister McKinney. He gave a fascinating presentation on the history of our great City, Houston. His historical knowledge of people, places, events and dates is very impressive. If you would like to learn more about his tours, simply Google "Mister McKinney Tours".

Congratulations to Callie Howard, the recipient of the 2018 Young Professional of the Year. Callie is an active member who contributes her time and professionalism to the YPs! I have a feeling this is only the beginning of even more great things to come for Callie and Chapter 8.

To our youngest and bright Professional of the Year, Taylor Sass: Congratulations on a very deserving honor. In light of all you do, not just for IRWA Chapter 8 but for the community, we hope you can feel all the pride and joy we have for you. I look forward to seeing even more great things from you!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Rebecca (Becky) Equia Curry*



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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## Young Professional of the Year, Callie Howard

### What advice would you give to someone new in the industry?

Do not say no, however never overpromise and then under deliver. The opportunities to “prove” yourself ultimately come from the gritty part of your early career: long hours, weekends, early mornings and a lot of windshield time. Be the first person in the office and the last to leave because that will not go unnoticed. Be the person that your peers come to in order to get something done because you were the “yes” person, but also the person who would not overpromise and under deliver. Your peers and your clients will appreciate this in the long run.

### Which of your accomplishments makes you the proudest?

I was the first college graduate within my immediate family, so graduating from Texas A&M initially with my undergraduate degree in 2009 and then a master’s degree in 2012, all while working, was a massive accomplishment on many levels.

### Who is the person or persons who have had the greatest influence on your life and why?

As cliché as it might be, my parents, my sister and my high school Ag teacher, Mr. Lenz. We lost my dad to a battle with cancer in June and he had a hard life. He grew up in a poor working-class household to a single mother after his father had passed away in his early teenage years. He survived the Vietnam War as a Marine, overcame alcoholism and worked hard to provide for our family. Although Dad was a gruff man of few words, he always instilled in us that if you work hard and try your best, that is all that you can do. He also said that one should never depend on anyone and that if you want something, then you have to make it happen. Often in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, you need those simple reminders. For those reasons, I am internally grateful for his life lessons and service to our great nation.

My mom has been a small business owner in a family-owned flooring business since the early 1970’s. She’s incredibly handy and the reason that I am as creative as I am. Most importantly, she is absolutely one of the sweetest people and come hell or high water, she’s going to make things happen. Mom’s genuine, simple and sweet attitude is a constant reminder that you can’t let the world harden your spirit, but also that women can truly do it all. I can only hope that one day I’m a fraction of the working mom that she has been throughout my lifetime.

My sister and I are a week from being 14 years apart (she’s 45 and I’m 31). Growing up she was always the older sister and I was, well, the little sister. I’d “borrow” her Beastie Boys tapes and pester her. Today, it may not be much different, but I am blessed that she has allowed me the opportunity to be an aunt to two fabulous boys (Gunnar, 20 and Cannan, 6). Much like my mom, she would give the shirt off of her back and volunteer her last hour of everyday if she could, if it meant giving back to someone else. She’s an incredible mother who has persevered and worked extremely hard for SI Group in Freeport for more than 21 years. A defining moment is she earned her Bachelor’s degree two years ago while be a full-time employee, full-time mom, a wife to a little man, a son in college and a husband in college. Her tenacity and perseverance through all what life throws her way has been a massive influence on me.

Lastly, Mr. Lenz was my high school Ag teacher and he was always a funny ball of sarcasm, laughter and light heartedness that made you a willing to learn student. I was heavily involved in FFA in high school outside of athletic activities, so the running joke was that I always went more places with Mr. Lenz and the FFA than my own family.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

It was true. My involvement in Ag and in Mr. Lenz's classes, always taught me the importance of our country's foundation: agriculture. Without this education in the various facets of agriculture and the opportunities provided to me by Mr. Lenz, I wouldn't be the person I am today. Without Mr. Lenz and my love for agriculture, my education experience at Texas A&M wouldn't exist and quite frankly I wouldn't be able to appreciate how this intertwines in my career path all these years later.

**Tell us something about yourself that would surprise people.**

I played sport growing up, like most small-town kids. However, outside of softball, I did power-lifting in high school and at one point could squat nearly 500 pounds. I was also heavily involved in 4-H and FFA growing up, where I showed horses and did rodeo. Oh, the glory days.

**What are some qualities that you value in a coworker?**

Hardworking, Efficient, Effective and Pays Attention to Detail.

## SPEAKING OF MEMBERSHIPS...

**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWALS ARE DUE  
DECEMBER 31ST!**

# DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

## CHAPTER 8 MEETING RECAP – DECEMBER 4, 2018

**Speaker:** Mister McKinney

**Topic:** Historic Houston

### Ensuring Houston's Future doesn't forget it's past

Historian Mister McKinney guided luncheon guests through an educational and interactive journey about Houston's exciting past.

McKinney highlighted important historical figures who helped shape our region's culture, politics and architecture. Ima Hogg, Jesse H. Jones, Ross Sterling, Mellie Esperson, Hugh Roy Cullen and Robert Everett (R.E. Bob) Smith are some of the unique characters that McKinney discussed. His entertaining presentation featured a variety of historic photos including landmark buildings that are now gone from the Houston landscape.



Mister McKinney is an active member in the local historical community. He lectures and hosts weekly tours on board Houston's only mobile history classroom, the Houston History Bus. He serves on the boards and commissions of numerous non-profit museums, libraries, educational organizations, including the Harris County Historical Commission, the Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park, the LaPorte Bay Area Historical Society, the Bellaire Historical Society and the Harris County Historical Society. Since 2008, Mister McKinney has appeared on KHOU Channel 11's Great Day Houston as the resident historian.



**IRWA CHAPTER 8'S TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE RAISED \$7,200 AT THE LUNCHEON! THANK YOU TO COURTNEY HART FOR COORDINATING THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER.**

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## DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2018



**THANK YOU TO ALLEN, WILLIFORD & SEALE,  
CONTRACT LAND STAFF, MASER CONSULTING AND  
SUMMIT RESOURCES FOR PROVIDING GIFT CARDS  
FOR OUR RAFFLE!**

# DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

## DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2018



**IT WAS AN HONOR TO HAVE COMMISSIONER, R. JACK CAGLE, OF HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4 TO ANNOUNCE OUR PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CALLIE HOWARD, YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AND TAYLOR SASS, PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DEC.

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12/03 - IRWA Course 431, Colliers Int.  
 12/04 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, Hess Club  
 12/06 - YP Holiday Party, Wooster's Garden  
 12/11 - IRWA Course 901, Kinder Morgan

12/12 - IRWA Course 902, Kinder Morgan  
 12/13-14 - IRWA Course 209, Energy Transfer  
 12/25 - Merry Christmas!  
 12/31 - Last Day for Early Registration for O&G Pipeline Symposium

## JAN.

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01/01 - Happy New Year!  
 01/01 - Late Registration Applies for O&G Pipeline Symposium  
 01/10 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, Hess Club

## FEB.

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02/07 - Ch. 8 Monthly Meeting, Hess Club  
 02/14 - Happy Valentine's Day!  
 02/20 - IRWA Course 213, Percheron

02/20 - YP Hosted Networking Event, The General Public  
 02/21 - Inaugural Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium, The Norris Center

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2018-2019 LUNCHEON DATES

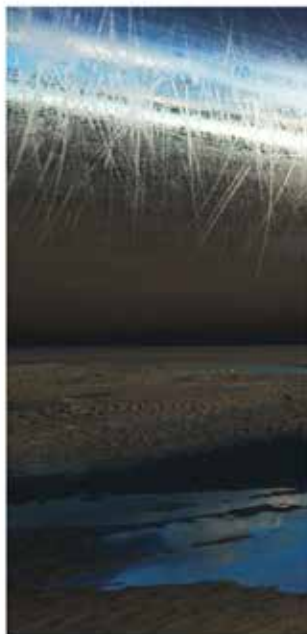
### THURSDAY

January 10th  
February 7th  
March 7th

April 11th  
May 9th

### TUESDAY

December 4th



Registration Opens  
November 1, 2018

#### INAUGURAL OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Symposium Site: Norris Conference Center in Houston's City Centre (BW8 & I-10)  
Keynote Speaker: Texas Railroad Commissioner, Wayne Christian

HOSTED BY IRWA CHAPTER 8-HOUSTON  
SPONSORSHIP DETAILS TO BE RELEASED SOON!



**NEW: ATTENDEES OF THE OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM QUALIFY TO RECEIVE FOUR (4) HOURS OF CE/RE-CERTIFICATION CREDITS!**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## INAUGURAL OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

### LOCATION OF SYMPOSIUM

Symposium:  
Norris Centers – Red Oak Ballroom B  
816 Town & Country Blvd., Suite 210  
Houston, TX 77024  
(713)590-0950

Parking Information:  
Parking Garage is connected to the Norris  
Center with a direct entrance on the 3rd  
level. (Same garage as the movie theater.)

### REGISTRATION DETAILS

- ▶ Admission to Networking Event hosted by the Young Professionals at The General Public on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 from 5:30PM - 7:30PM
- ▶ Admission to day of Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium including continental breakfast, all sessions, morning and afternoon breaks and the social networking reception event.
- ▶ Event Program and Swag Bag

Lunch will not be provided during the symposium. There will be a two (2) hour time frame set aside for all attendees to grab lunch. A list of restaurants within walking distance will be provided at a later date.

### EARLY REGISTRATION (NOV. 1-DEC. 31)

**MEMBER – \$125**

**NON-MEMBER – \$175**

### LATE REGISTRATION (JAN. 1-FEB. 21)

**MEMBER – \$175**

**NON-MEMBER – \$225**

\*\*All registrations and/or sponsorships are non-refundable

### HOW TO REGISTER

An email will be sent via Constant Contact on November 1st. You may register and/or sign up for sponsorships as you would register for the luncheon. If you are not currently a member of Chapter 8, please email [kasy.baldauf@airliquide.com](mailto:kasy.baldauf@airliquide.com) to receive an email at the opening of registration.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## INAUGURAL OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

### SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

#### PLATINUM // \$1,500

- ▶ All eyes will be on your logo at the registration table
- ▶ Half page advertisement in the Event Program
- ▶ Two (2) seminar registration fees included
- ▶ Bring promo item for swag bags

#### GOLD // \$1,000

- ▶ Your logo will be the highlight of the Morning or Afternoon Break
- ▶ Quarter page advertisement in the Event Program
- ▶ Bring promo item for swag bags

#### SILVER // \$750

- ▶ Your logo will be present at one of the sessions throughout the day
- ▶ Bring promo item for swag bags

#### BRONZE // \$500

- ▶ Your logo will be present on the sponsorship page in the Event Program
- ▶ Bring promo item for swag bags

Promotional Items may consist of pens, note pads, clips, mints, etc. Other items to consider are also gift cards in the amount of \$25-\$50 for raffle items between sessions.

\*An **Exclusive Sponsorship** is available to one (1) company who would like to sponsor for more than \$2,000. If you are interested, please contact Kasy Baldauf at [kasy.baldauf@airliquide.com](mailto:kasy.baldauf@airliquide.com) to discuss options!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## IRWA COURSE 213: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Please note that registration for this class is completely separate from registration for the Oil & Gas Pipeline Symposium. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact the Course Coordinator below or click on the link to register via the IRWA website.

### 213-Conflict Management

**Start Date:** 02/20/2019

**End Date:** 02/20/2019

**No. of Days:** 1 Day

**Course Level:** Core

**CEU Credits:** 8.00

**Class Time:** 8:00am- 5:00pm

**Tuition:** \$265.00 Member/\$330.00 Non-Member

**Sponsored By:** Chapter 8



**Course Description:** This course presents specific methods for reaching collaborative solutions and minimizing negative aspects of conflict while maximizing benefits of resolving conflict. During this course, participants will learn how effective conflict management can open doors to healthier workplace relationships and more productive working relationships with both property owners as well as the general public.

#### Instructor:

**Ana B. Rausch, SR/WA, R/W-RAC**, is a Senior Vice President with Percheron. She has over 25 years of project management experience in the right of way industry. Her areas of expertise include project management, feasibility studies, negotiation and acquisition, title research, title curative, permitting, relocation assistance, damage and claim settlement, construction support, condemnation support, due diligence and budgeting for the pipeline, electric utility, telecommunications, transit, wind, rail and public sector projects. Over her career Ana has worked as a consultant as well as the Vice President of Real Estate for a major Transit Authority. Ana received a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) along with a Bachelor of Science (BS) from the University of Houston. She is a Licensed Texas Real Estate Broker. Ana is a member of the IRWA International Electric and Utilities Committee and served as Chair of IRWA Region 2 from 2015-2017. Ana is a Certified IRWA Climb Instructor and is a past President and Professional of the Year for IRWA Chapter 8. Ana was elected as the IEC Secretary for the IRWA in 2017-2018.

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#### Class Facility Location:

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Katy, TX 77449  
Phone: 832-300-6423

#### Participant Capacity: 20

#### Hotel Accommodations:

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

**Register Online:** [https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/276/213-conflict-management/description/?evt\\_key=679cd6f5-1f0f-46eb-824e-035210e6c041](https://www.irwaonline.org/courses/276/213-conflict-management/description/?evt_key=679cd6f5-1f0f-46eb-824e-035210e6c041)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## INAUGURAL OIL & GAS PIPELINE SYMPOSIUM SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

- 8:00AM - 5:00PM**      **\*Course 213: Conflict Management: 1904 West Grand Pkwy N., Ste.200, Katy, TX 77449**  
\*Registration for class is separate from symposium
- 5:30PM - 7:30PM**      **The General Public: 797 Sorella Ct, Ste. 118, Houston, TX 77024**  
Social Networking Event Hosted by Ch. 8 Young Professionals  
All symposium attendees welcome

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

- 8:00AM - 8:45AM**      **Red Oak Ballroom B**  
Registration Opens/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00AM - 10:00AM**      **Keynote Speaker**  
Texas Railroad Commissioner, Wayne Christian  
Introduced by Judge Debra Ibarra Mayfield
- 10:00AM - 10:30AM**      **Morning Break**
- 10:30AM - 11:30AM**      **Public Awareness & Damage Prevention Panel**  
Speakers: Craig Potts, Marathon Oil; Gweneyette Broussard, Shell; Amber Pappas, Enterprise Products
- 11:30AM - 1:30PM**      **Lunch (Off-site)**
- 1:30PM - 2:30PM**      **Christopher Smith, Oil & Gas Economist**
- 2:30PM - 3:00PM**      **Afternoon Break**
- 3:00PM - 4:00PM**      **Cyber Security**  
Gary Hayes, SVP & CIO of Technology Operations, CenterPoint Energy
- 4:30PM - 6:30PM**      **Reception in Red Oak Ballroom A**

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# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



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**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE YOPROS COLLECTED OVER 150 CANS TO DONATE TO THE HOUSTON FOOD BANK.**

**THANK YOU TO CBRE, PINNACLE CONSULTING & SUMMIT RESOURCES FOR SPONSORING OUR EVENT!**

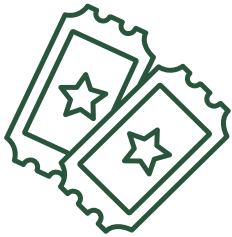
# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## Chapter News



### Chapter Luncheons Moved to Thursday

After a few test runs during the previous fiscal year, we have officially changed chapter luncheons to Thursday. The chapter newsletter and website will have a list of upcoming luncheon dates to make planning ahead easy!



### Gift Cards Needed for Chapter Luncheon Raffle

The Chapter is looking for companies to donate gift cards for our raffles at each of our luncheons. If you or your company are interested, please contact Rebecca Curry via email at [recurry@eprod.com](mailto:recurry@eprod.com)



### IRWA Luncheons Approved for SR/WA Recertification Credits

As you may know, the IRWA International Credentialing Committee has moved to a "Self Reporting" model. Meaning, IRWA members simply report that they attended X amount of meetings for X amount of hours on their CE forms. Each luncheon attended will earn you one (1) hour re-certification credit. Be sure to pick up a form you can fill out and retain for your records at your next IRWA Chapter 8 Meeting!



### Want a Free Lunch?

The Chapter 8 Board has decided to offer its members the opportunity to receive a free lunch for the submission, acceptance and publication of a newsletter article.

To Qualify:

1. You must be a current IRWA Chapter 8 Member (Chapter Chairs and Executive Officers excluded)
2. Submit a newsletter article and have it published in the Award-Winning The Centerline.
3. You receive a free lunch voucher for one of the regularly scheduled lunch meetings. Submit articles to [kjbreitinger@eprod.com](mailto:kjbreitinger@eprod.com)

# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIGHT OF WAY MAPPING Competition

**Enter your map today!**

Sponsored by IRWA's International Surveying & Engineering Community of Practice, this annual competition will be held in conjunction with IRWA's 65<sup>th</sup> Annual International Education Conference in June 2019 in Portland, Oregon.

Winners will be announced in Right of Way Magazine and at the Annual Education Conference, where winning maps will also be displayed. Winners will receive recognition at a national, regional or local IRWA meeting.

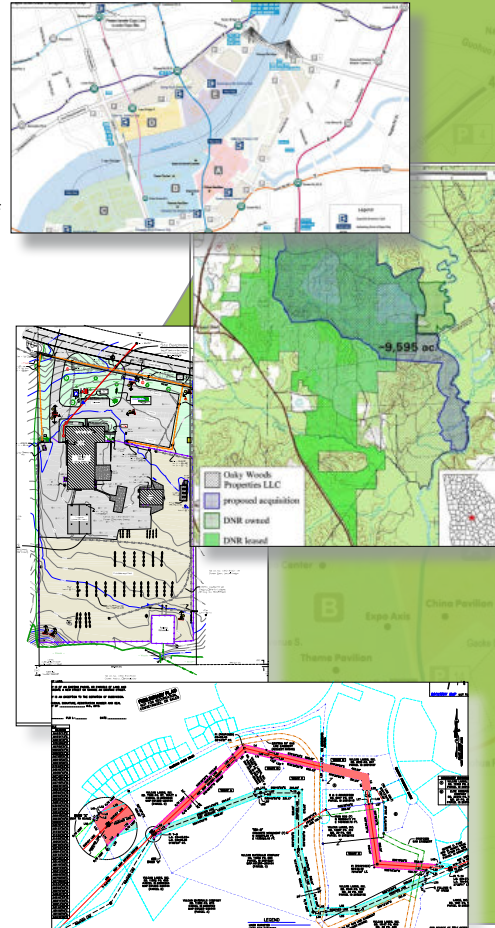
**Eligibility:** Anyone can enter, however, each entry must be sponsored by an IRWA member. Members may sponsor multiple entries. Maps must be associated with the right of way profession including related disciplines.

**Prizes:** The Grand place winner will receive a complimentary registration for IRWA's 65<sup>th</sup> Annual International Education Conference. A cash prize of \$250 will be given to the individual winners in the following categories: Transportation, Oil & Gas, Electric & Utility, GIS and Industry General.

**Rules:** One entry per person in each category. A map may only be entered in one category. Each entry shall be a standalone single sheet. Maps and entry forms must be submitted digitally using Adobe pdf files. Entries under the transportation, oil & gas and electric & utility categories must be maps/ plats prepared for, or in support of, boundary/right of way line retracement or acquisition. This includes, but is not limited to, property or right of way survey maps and plats. Entries under the GIS and industry general categories shall be maps or exhibits related to highways, pipelines, utility lines, telecommunication lines (or associated facilities) prepared for general purposes such as public hearings, presentations, conceptual plans, etc. Examples include, but are not limited to, ownership exhibits and aerial photos (with or without overlays), etc.

**Judging:** Entries will be judged on overall presentation, orientation and the effective use of graphics, legends, symbols and innovative methods

**Disclaimer Information:** : If contractual confidentiality precludes submission, the title block can be cleared of all pertinent information and state "Prepared for Competition due to Jurisdictional Confidentiality."



### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Right of Way Mapping Competition

Official Entry Form (please print or type)

**Deadline: April 5, 2019**

IRWA Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Entrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name or Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Category

Transportation  Oil & Gas  Electric & Utility  GIS  Industry General

Email PDF entries to:  
isecop@irwaonline.org

# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## About the IRWA

Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, the IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, strong ethics and improved service to employers and the public, along with advancements within the right of way profession. IRWA is the unsurpassed source of right of way educational programs and professional services worldwide.

## Our Members

Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, IRWA has nearly 10,000 members throughout the US, Canada and Africa. Our members are multi-disciplined professionals employed by private industry and government agencies as Acquisition Agents, Appraisers, Environment Professionals, Engineers, Lawyers, Property Managers, Relocation Assistance Agents, Surveyors and Title Experts.

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