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MMS Announces Winners of Corporate Leadership Award

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) today announced the recipients of its 1999 Corporate Leadership Award (CORLA). Winners of the Corporate Leadership Award are chosen for performing an act or service that enhances MMS's ability to meet Offshore or Royalty Management mission objectives.

"Cooperation and support from our corporate customers and individuals are essential to the success of the Nation's offshore mineral development and minerals revenue collection," said MMS Director Walt Rosenbusch. "These annual awards publicly recognize voluntary compliance with MMS offshore and royalty programs."

The following CORLA recipients will be recognized at an MMS-sponsored awards program and luncheon in Houston, Texas on April 14, 2000:

Gene Barfield, GEB Consulting
Bob Bea, Professor, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of California at Berkley
Jack Caldwell, Schlumberger
Jack Clark and Judith A. Wittich, C-CORE
Jodie Connor, President, J. Conner Consulting, Inc.
James Cospolich & David R. Stewart, Waldemar S. Nelson & Company Inc., Engineers and Architects
Bill Hartzler, RAG International Mining
Paul Kelly, Senior Vice President, Rowan Companies, Inc.
Mark A. Lawrence, Fairfield Industries
Rob Lease and Ben Waring, Presidents of LEXCO and Waring & Associates (respectively)
David McCallum and Bruce Smith, Energy Graphics, Inc. and IHS Energy Group
Nicholas Lee Odinet, Twachtman, Snyder & Byrd, Inc.
Mark Safford, Petroglyph Operating Company
Francis Stone, Shell International Exploration & Production, Inc., Deepwater Services
Robert Stewart, President National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA)
Sara K. Tays, Exxon Company, USA
Allen J. Verret, Texaco, Retired 1999 Deep Star
Lee Warren, Conoco, Inc.

Selected as members of the Council of Petroleum Accountants Societies, Inc. (COPAS):

John Clark, Conoco, Inc.
Pat Kent, Exxon Company, U.S.A.
Alpheus Moss, Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation
Marvinette Ponder, Devon Energy Corporation
Pam Williams, Shell Services International
Kathy Dawkins, Chevron USA
Bill Laughlin, Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation
Don Lynch, Texaco Exploration & Production, Inc.
Bob Wilkinson, Price Waterhouse Coopers

For more information about the MMS awards program and luncheon scheduled for April 14, 2000 in Houston go to our web site at:
<http://www.mms.gov/awards>.

The MMS is the Federal agency that manages the Nation's oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources on the OCS; and collects, accounts for, and disburses about \$4 billion in yearly revenues from offshore Federal mineral leases and from onshore mineral leases on Federal and American Indian lands.

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