

Special Award

Nomination Form

Please attach this form to your one-page nomination for a Special Award. This award will be presented to the member(s) or group(s) who/which has made an extraordinary contribution to AAPL, the land profession, the industry, or the community. May include but is not limited to:

- **Community Service** – may be presented to a member who has contributed greatly toward civic improvement in his/her local community.

NAME OF NOMINEE: Surprise Valley Resources

LOCAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

NOMINATED BY: Houston Association of Professional Landmen

2022 AAPL Special Award – Education and Service

Surprise Valley Resources

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding company within the Energy Industry for its contributions in support of the land profession. Recipients demonstrate their support by:

- 1) Providing advancement, support, and training for the land profession;
- 2) Encouraging and supporting participation in HAPL and AAPL by its employees & consultants;
- 3) Participation in industry events; and
- 4) Participation in civic and charitable contributions to the local community.

Surprise Valley Resources (SVR) has continuously demonstrated and exceeded these requirements since the company was formed in 2014. They employ over 100 field landmen working in multiple regions including Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. They strive to provide quality land services in a timely fashion and focus on being at the forefront of technological and digital advancements in landwork.

Surprise Valley Resources, (SVR) provides meaningful educational opportunities to its employees and contractors. Each month, SVR selects an educational event to host in their offices. They have provided educational opportunities from the AAPL, HAPL, DAPL, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Texas Tech University School of Law, and numerous opportunities provided by local and national law firms.

The company regularly gives back to the local community. Each quarter, SVR selects an organization to support. Some of the organizations include Kids' Meals, Books Between Kids, Blessings in a Backpack, Trees for Houston, Spring Branch Food Pantry, and the Houston Food Bank. They are excited to work with two new foundations this year: the Galveston Bay Foundation and Friends of Texas Wildlife.

In addition to local service opportunities, SVR is committed to annual charitable giving including to St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Adam McCauley Cancer Foundation, River Oaks Baptist School, St. Theresa Catholic Church, the Texas Forestry Association, and many others.

They support the land profession by consistently sponsoring HAPL events, encouraging new members to join and volunteer, and by actively participating in multiple land associations including AAPL, PBLA, and DAPL.

The company's founder and principal, Wade Eddington, joined HAPL in 2008 and began volunteering on the Skeet Shoot Committee. He assumed the role of chairman in 2009 and quickly became more involved in the association after being appointed Director for a 2-year term. Following this appointment, he went on to serve in HAPL officer roles for many years, holding virtually every position on the executive board including serving as HAPL President during one of the most challenging periods for our association.