



2013 Texas Top Producers Award Honorees

The Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (TIPRO), publishers of *Texas Monthly* and the Best Companies Group are proud to announce the finalists and winners of the 2013 Texas' Top Producers awards, in the four disciplines of Best CEO, Best Geoscientist, Best Engineer and Best Landman.

In alphabetical order, identified by profession, 2013 award recipients include:

CEOs (Large):

- Gregory Bird - Jetta Operating Co.
- Timothy Dunn - Crownquest Operating
- Mark E. Ellis - LINN Energy, LLC
- Gary C. Evans - Magnum Hunter Resources Corp.
- Steven Farris - Apache Corp. ***
- James Flores - Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas
- S. P. "Chip" Johnson IV - Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc.
- Timothy Leach - Concho Resources, Inc.
- Berry Mullennix - Panther Energy Co., LLC
- Loyd W. Powell, Jr. - Cholla Petroleum, Inc.
- John Richels - Devon Energy Corp.
- Scott Sheffield - Pioneer Natural Resources Co. ***
- Brent J. Smolik - EP Energy
- William "Bill" Thomas - EOG Resources, Inc. ***

CEOs (Medium):

- Craig Adams - Newark E&P Operating, Inc.
- Kent Brock - Strand Energy, L.C.
- Steven Bureson - Bureson Petroleum, Inc.
- Ronald Crosby - Wynn-Crosby
- Jerry Dewbre - Dewbre Petroleum Corp. ***
- Bruce Hunt - Petro-Hunt, LLC ***
- Thomas Isler - White Oak Energy, LLC
- John Ligon - Sandalwood Oil & Gas, Inc.
- Scott Martin - Blackbrush Oil & Gas, Inc.
- Harold E. McGowen III - Navidad Resources, LLC
- Mike Montgomery - Trek Resources, Inc.
- Chip Smith - Piedra Resources, LLC
- Frank F. Starr II - Crimson Energy Partners III, LLC ***
- Randy L. Stevens - Stanolind Oil & Gas, LP
- Ben Strickling III - Patriot Resources, Inc.

CEOs (Small):

- A. L. "Les" Ballard - Ballard Exploration Co. ***
- Robert Craine - Lynx Operating Co., Inc.
- Gail Crawford - Crawford Hughes Energy
- W. Michael Ford - Caza Petroleum
- John Hoffman - Black Elk Energy ***
- Phil Martin - New Century Exploration, Inc.
- Chris G. Mazzini - Spindletop Oil & Gas Co. ***
- Gary L. McDaniel - The McDaniel Co.
- David McWilliams - Boyd & McWilliams Energy Group
- Richard Monroy - Millenium Exploration Co.
- Robert R. Ranck - El Ran, Inc.
- Mark L. Shidler - Mark L. Shidler, Inc.
- Mark Stanger - Banner Operating, LLC
- James "Jay" Young - King Operating Corp.

Landmen:

- Mona D. Ables - Concho Resources, Inc. ***
- Robert "Randy" Browne - Haynes & Boone, LLP
- Tim Custer - Apache Corp. ***
- Jim Devlin - Suemaur Exploration & Production ***
- Joseph P. DeWoody - Clear Fork Royalty, LLC
- Timothy B. Dover - Independent Landman
- Pamela D. Feist - Lakewood Operating, Ltd.
- Michael M. Gray Sr. - Peak Energy Resources, Inc.
- Lawrence J. (Larry) Harrison Jr. - EXCO Resources, Inc.
- Carrol Lake - C.W. Lake & Associates, Ltd.
- Todd L. Liebl - Cabot Oil & Gas Corp.
- Alan H. Morgan - Remora Oil
- Bill Phillips - Hunt Oil Co.
- Fred Schantz - Legacy Reserves Operating
- Brook Yates - Ventex Oil & Gas

Engineers:

- David Beathard - LINN Energy, LLC
- Ashley Brignac - Anadarko Petroleum Corp. ***
- Steve Bruington - Bruington Engineering, LLC
- Alan W. Farquharson - Range Resources Corp.
- Christopher B. Hill - Chesapeake Energy Corp.
- Bruce G. Kitchel - ConocoPhillips
- Greg Manuel - Pioneer Natural Resources Co. ***
- John Minton - Laredo Petroleum, Inc.
- Kregg Olson - Apache Corp.
- Terry Palisch - CARBO Ceramics, Inc.
- Tom Rhein - Halcon Resources Corp.
- Charlie Ross - EXCO Resources, Inc.
- Jerome Schubert - Texas A&M University ***
- Nick Steinsberger - Sierra Buckeye
- Tony Vaughn - Devon Energy Corp.

Geoscientists:

- John J. Amoruso - Legends Exploration, L.P.
- Dr. Lee Billingsley - Abraxas Petroleum Corp.
- Sid Bjorlie - EOG Resources, Inc. ***
- Kent Bowker - Titan River Energy
- Charles Cusack III - Halcon Resources Corp.
- Brian R. Frost - Anadarko Petroleum Corp. ***
- James A. Gibbs - Five States Energy Co.
- David A. Godsey - Energen Resources Corp.
- Patrick J.F. Gratton - Patrick J.F. Gratton
- Jenny Hope - Atlas Resource Partners, L.P.
- Scott Lapierre - Pioneer Natural Resources Co. ***
- Art Marquez - ExxonMobil
- William J. Perkins - Aegis Oil Limited Ventures
- Dan Smith - Sandalwood Oil & Gas, Inc.
- Mark Williams - Whiting Petroleum Corp.

*** Indicates top category winner

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