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Former U.S. Department of the Interior Official Gail Adams Joins IAGC as Director of Communications

Houston, TX – The International Association of Geophysical Contractors (IAGC) recently named former Department of the Interior (DOI) Intergovernmental and External Affairs Director Gail Adams as the organization's new Director of Communications.

"IAGC is excited Gail is joining us. She is an accomplished communications professional who brings a diversity of experience and expertise to this job," commented IAGC President Chip Gill. "The geophysical industry continues to be engaged in public policy discussions on environmental issues that are critical to the health of the geophysical industry. In addition to the general communication needs of the Association, Gail will spend the majority of her time supporting IAGC's efforts on its key environmental issues."

Adams comes to IAGC after serving more than two years in the the Office of the Secretary of Interior as the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs where her responsibilities were to establish and maintain relationships between the DOI and Governors, state and local elected officials and the more than 6000 stakeholders and organizations that represent interests related to DOI. Prior to her Administration appointment at DOI, Adams served as Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) for the US Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office headquartered in New Orleans, LA. She served for six years and oversaw intergovernmental and external outreach operations for Louisiana offices for hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike. While at FEMA, Adams also served as the Governmental Affairs Officer for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on loan to the U.S. Coast Guard.

As the Oil Spill Governmental Affairs Officer, Adams directed Intergovernmental Affairs, Congressional Affairs, the Non-Governmental Organization Interaction Unit, VIP and International visits as well as some aspects of Community Relations for the entire Gulf

Coast. She was also the governmental affairs advisor to the three Coast Guard Federal On-Scene Coordinators as a member of the Command Staff. Adams received the Coast Guard's Distinguished Service Award, the highest public recognition given by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, for her work on the response and recovery.

"I look forward to working with the Association and its more than 150 member companies from across the geophysical industry on the important work they are doing, especially their work on environmental issues and to help showcase how geophysical technologies reduce E&P risks," said Adams.

Adams is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana and has 20 years of experience in the environment and natural resources public policy arena and working with states and local government. She has more than 27 years' experience in public affairs, non-profit organizations and governmental affairs. Adams is a former television news anchor and radio personality and is a graduate of Louisiana State University.

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About IAGC

IAGC is the international trade association representing the industry that provides geophysical services (geophysical data acquisition, seismic data ownership and licensing, geophysical data processing and interpretation, and associated service and product providers) to the oil and gas industry. IAGC is currently in its 42nd year of service to the geophysical industry.

More information on IAGC and the geophysical industry can be found at <http://www.iagc.org> and <http://geophysicsrocks.com>

For a video overview of marine seismic operations,
see <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEE2ECC235BCA5FA0>

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