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IPAMS Announces New Manager of Communications *Jon Bargas to Lead Community Outreach and Communications Efforts*

(DENVER) – The Independent Petroleum Association of the Mountain States (IPAMS) announced today the appointment of communications expert Jon Bargas to the newly created position of Manager of Communications.

Bargas, who until recently served as president of a political consulting and public relations firm, was the Executive Director of the Republican Party of Louisiana during the 2004 election cycle. Bargas has managed and consulted on numerous political campaigns at every level of government, and has served as spokesman and media consultant to a variety of political and corporate clients.

“We are extremely pleased to have Jon as part of the IPAMS team,” said Marc Smith, Executive Director of IPAMS. “His experience and deep understanding of effective communications will be an invaluable asset to our members, and his skills will be put to good use in letting the public know of the invaluable contributions that our independent oil and gas companies are making to the regional, national, and global economies.”

Bargas will be primarily responsible for planning and executing community outreach and media relations campaigns that stress the challenges and opportunities faced by the independent oil and gas producers of the Intermountain West. He will also serve as spokesman and media contact for IPAMS. He can be reached at 303-623-0987 or via email at jbargas@ipams.org.

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IPAMS, founded in 1974, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 independent oil and gas producers, service and supply companies, banking and financial institutions and industry consultants in the Intermountain West. More information on IPAMS and its members is available at www.ipams.org.