2019 Pat K. Harwood Award Presentation – by IACI Chairman Scott Madison

It is my privilege now to present the highest award given by IACI in recognition of an Idaho business person’s contribution to the future of Idaho’s business environment. In selecting this year’s recipient we selected someone who meets the following criteria:

LEADERSHIP that has molded and guided the most effective Business policy organization in Idaho history,

SERVICE to not only IACI, but also to his company and the state of Idaho,

COURAGE that has provided personal and professional inspiration to all who know him,

SENSE OF HUMOR and ENTHUSIASM that lighten the load of all who work with him and helps them maintain perspective in dealing with the pressures of working for the best interests of the Business Community,

WISDOM that establishes and reinforces a positive working relationship between the Business Community and the governmental system of the state of Idaho, and

INTEGRITY that is well-known to his many friends across the state of Idaho, throughout the Business Community, and in both political parties.

Our award recipient is one of the unsung and tireless heroes of the business community. He is an Idaho native with an Idaho education, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Idaho State University, as well as a Master’s degree from the University of Idaho’s College of Natural Resources. He has worked in the environmental and natural resource field for over 30 years, serving in various manufacturing industries – pulp and paper, chemicals, food processing and mining – and participated in the development of natural resource policies and regulations at both the state and federal levels.

Key projects have included obtaining air permits for large energy and pulp/paper projects; permitting the largest NPDES/wastewater source in Idaho, conducting Endangered Species Act consultations, and managing large-scale river aquatic and toxicity studies. He most recently guided the efforts for Idaho to successfully obtain primacy of its NPDES program, and led the industry effort to obtain the most comprehensive fish consumption rates in the country. This was the foundation for the recently EPA-approved Human Health Water Quality Criteria for Idaho.

He also currently chairs the environmental committee for Food Northwest and is on the boards of the National Mining Association and the Idaho Mining Association. He additionally serves on the Idaho Governor’s National Forest Roadless Commission, in addition to his responsibilities at the J.R. Simplot Company.

Due to his superb leadership, he has served as IACI’s Environment Committee Chair longer than any other chairman, serving from 2003 to 2006 and again from 2008 continuing to the present. His expertise, guidance and support have been invaluable to this association on many critical regulatory issues, and he is always a willing resource to other members of the association.

We all know this gentleman as a “walk softly and carry a big stick” leader who never fears to speak up and never fails to step in to help. IACI is an organization of leaders, and this award is well-deserved. He is someone we all have the pleasure of working with to solve critical problems for Idaho.

Please join me in presenting the Pat K. Harwood Award for Distinguished Service to and on behalf of Idaho Business to this very deserving recipient, our friend – Alan Prouty.