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## **OKOGA HIRES FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

OKLAHOMA CITY (June 26, 2017) – The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association (OKOGA) announced today the hiring of its first field representative, Bray Haven, who will be responsible for fostering and enhancing relations between the oil and natural gas industry and community leaders and residents where active development is taking place.

"It's an exciting time for Western Oklahoma, home of the two hottest oil fields in the nation due to the advancement of horizontal drilling," said Chad Warmington, president of OKOGA. "The oil and natural gas industry has quickly ramped up activity this year, creating new jobs and expanding economic opportunity in Oklahoma. It has also come with new challenges that the industry wants to proactively address, and it is why OKOGA has hired a full-time field representative. Bray's office will be the county roads of Oklahoma as he goes from town to town listening to Oklahomans and working to provide a unified industry presence."

Bray's initial focus will be in Western Oklahoma's STACK and SCOOP oil fields, where he will work with OKOGA's membership to help meet community needs or address issues that arise from active oil and natural gas development. Bray is also seeking public speaking opportunities for OKOGA representatives to provide industry updates in the communities where drilling is planned or is already taking place. If you are a community leader, local organization or resident in these areas, please contact Bray at 405-843-5741 or bray@okoga.com.

"Bray is a perfect fit for this new role. He comes from a hardworking farm and ranch family in Roger Mills County and has experience traveling the state engaging with stakeholders to bring about solutions to the benefit of all Oklahomans," Warmington continued. "OKOGA is committed to helping our industry remain a valuable partner with Oklahoma's communities in the development of our state's natural resources."

In Roger Mills County, Bray co-owns a self-service livestock feed and supply store with his brother. He most recently concluded a full-time spring internship with Norvell Consulting and the Oklahoma Youth Expo and has also held internships with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry and

the Samuel Roberts Noble Research Foundation. These experiences have led him to regularly travel the state of Oklahoma, engaging with legislators on policy issues important to landowners, farmers and the oil and natural gas industry. Bray earned a degree in agribusiness with a minor in legal studies from Oklahoma State University.

## **Background**

The Oklahoma Oil & Gas Association, founded in 1919, is the oldest energy trade association in the United States. Nearly a century later, the association remains dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the oil and natural gas industry within the state of Oklahoma and throughout the nation. It is a non-profit association composed of oil and gas producers, operators, purchasers, pipelines, transporters, processors, refiners, marketers and service companies which represent a substantial sector of the oil and natural gas industry within Oklahoma. The activities of OKOGA include support for legislative and regulatory measures designed to promote both the well-being and best interests of the citizens of this state and a strong and vital petroleum industry within the State of Oklahoma and throughout the United States.

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