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R&M's Brinker recognized as Certified Federal Surveyor

R&M CONSULTANTS, INC. (R&M) is pleased to announce that **Hank Brinker, PLS, CFedS** has been recognized as a Certified Federal Surveyor (CFedS).

A CFedS is a state licensed land surveyor who has successfully completed the certification process established by the BLM Cadastral Survey Program. CFedS will perform a wide range of cadastral services within the state(s) he/she is licensed to practice land surveying. Certain services will be under the direction and control of the appropriate BLM Chief Cadastral Surveyor. CFedS will provide more avenues for accomplishing cadastral services for Indian trust assets and restricted fee lands.



The CFedS Program was established because the BLM recognized that accurate trust management begins with good surveys and that the private sector provides an excellent resource for accomplishing these surveys. However, Indian and Alaska Native lands have unique survey issues. Many essential records are found only within the BIA offices, special procedures have often been used for surveys on Indian lands, and there are cultural and jurisdictional considerations that surveyors working in Indian Country must be aware of.

The CFedS certification process requires licensed land surveyors to complete a series of distance-learning training courses equivalent to a three credit college course (approximately 120 hours). The training includes seven modules with various problems, case studies and quizzes that must be completed. This training program prepares the surveyors for the six hour Certification Examination. The completion of annual advanced continuing education modules will be required to remain on the CFedS roster.

A Senior Land Surveyor at R&M, Mr. Brinker has been employed by the firm since August 1997. He holds an A.A.S. in Surveying and Mapping Technology from the University of Alaska Anchorage and is a Professional Land Surveyor licensed in Alaska.

Founded in Alaska in 1969, R&M offers engineering, surveying and mapping, earth sciences and construction services, which includes construction administration, materials testing and special inspection.

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