



## **Newfield's Jim Metcalf Receives the AIME Robert Earll McConnell Award at SPE Annual Conference**

The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME) presented Jim Metcalf with the AIME Robert Earll McConnell Award at SPE's Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition held 4-7 October in New Orleans, La. Metcalf is Vice President of Drilling for Newfield Exploration Company.

The Robert Earll McConnell Award was established in 1968 to recognize beneficial service to mankind by engineers through significant contributions which tend to advance a nation's standard of living or replenish its natural resources. Metcalf is being recognized for his commitment for conducting safe, environmentally sound global drilling operations and for his service to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Houston.

"Each year, SPE honors an elite group of individuals who have extended the boundaries of the profession and of SPE. Future generations of exploration and production professionals will be measured against their contributions and accomplishments. We congratulate James Metcalf for receiving this prestigious international award," said Leo Roodhart, 2009 SPE President.

"The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with mentors that have a big impact on youth," said Metcalf. "Big Brothers Big Sisters currently operates in all 50 states and in 12 countries around the world, and it is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States."

National research has shown that positive relationships between youth and their Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentors have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. By participating in youth mentoring programs, Little Brothers and Sisters are:

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- More confident in their schoolwork performance
- Able to get along better with their families
- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 52% less likely to skip school.<sup>1</sup>

AIME was founded in 1871 by 22 mining engineers in Wilkes-Barre, PA. As one of the first national engineering societies established in the United States, the membership of the AIME societies today totals more than 127,000 and includes some of the most important, influential, and innovative figures in the engineering and scientific communities.

SPE serves more than 88,000 members worldwide, sharing technical knowledge for the benefit of our industry. Each year, SPE presents awards that recognize members whose efforts have advanced petroleum technology, as well as their professional achievements and contributions to the industry and the society.

**(For Newfield employees wanting to learn more how they can help as a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters, please contact Jim Metcalf.)**