

Local Land Surveyor Completes Federal Certification

A Tacoma man is among the first group of sixty-nine professional land surveyors nationwide to receive a new federal certification from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. **Paul H. Mabry, PLS of Informed Land Survey**, a Tacoma based SBA HUBZone business, was among the beta test group of selected land surveyors to participate in the new program called CFedS, for Certified Federal Surveyor.

The CFedS program, which has been approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, was designed specifically to enhance the level of knowledge and expertise in the professional land surveying community for survey work performed on federal lands and especially on Indian trust lands. To earn the CFedS designation, professional land surveyors must complete approximately 120 hours of course materials prepared by the BLM's National Training Center, in Phoenix, Arizona, and pass the certification examination. To maintain the certification, a CFedS must complete 10 hours of continuing education annually.

The new certification is intended to be a significant addition to the resume and credentials of the private professional land surveyor and Tribal surveyors. It is expected that in the coming years, the list of CFedS will grow larger as will the demand for their services.

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