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Seven Top Energy Firms Recognized With *Oil and Gas Investor* ‘Excellence Awards’

HOUSTON, Texas (June 5, 2014) – *Oil and Gas Investor* magazine will recognize the winners of its Excellence Awards on June 10, 2014 in Houston. These prestigious awards will be presented during the afternoon session of Hart Energy’s 7th annual [Energy Capital Conference](#) at the Omni Houston Hotel.

“The winners represent the full spectrum of the upstream industry’s activities ranging from a large and well-established company moving into a new core area to a relatively new company leading a shale play,” said Leslie Haines, *OGI* Editor-in-Chief. “They demonstrate the tradition of vision and professionalism that characterizes our Excellence Awards.”

Oil and Gas Investor editors review readers’ nominations for the best companies, deals and individuals.

The 2014 honorees are:

Executive of the Year – **Scott Sheffield**, chairman and CEO of Pioneer Natural Resources Co.

Best Financing of the Year – **Antero Resources Corp** for its \$1.57-billion IPO

M&A Deal of the Year – **Devon Energy Corp.** for its \$6 billion acquisition of GeoSouthern Energy’s Eagle Ford Shale assets

Best Discovery – **WPX Energy** for its work in Colorado’s dry-gas Piceance Basin

Best Field Rejuvenation – **Treadstone Energy Partners LLC** for the Fort Trinidad Field’s Upper Glen Rose Unit

Turnaround of the Year – **Gastar Exploration Inc.** for its 2013 rise in stock prices

Best Corporate Citizen – **Continental Resources** for grants awarded to K-12 schools

For **media credentials** to attend the **Energy Capital Conference**, contact Stephanie Palmer at spalmer@hartenergy.com.

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