

What is an SR/WA?



An SR/WA is a Senior Right of Way Professional

- Highest credential earned from the International Right of Way Association (IRWA), the leading professional association for public and private sector infrastructure stakeholders.
- Earned **ONLY** through:
 - ◆ **Experience** — minimum of 5 years directly related to the right of way and/or infrastructure real estate industry
 - ◆ **Formal Education (one of the following)**
 - ▶ 4-year degree
 - ▶ 2-year degree and an additional 128 IRWA credit hours or 2 additional years of right of way experience
 - ▶ No degree requires an additional 256 IRWA credit hours or 4 additional years of right of way experience
 - ▶ For other in-lieu of degree options, contact IRWA HQ
 - ◆ **IRWA Education** — 272 credit hours from multiple right of way disciplines and topics, including the following: eminent domain law, land acquisition negotiations, dispute resolution, property management, environmental contamination, appraisal, real estate engineering and federal relocation entitlements
 - ◆ **Examination** — intensive, comprehensive capstone examination
 - ◆ **Prestige** — only 22% of 7,500 members hold the SR/WA designation
- Highest level of competency and experience in the right of way industry
- Accepted by public agencies as proof of qualifications.
- Recognized mark of competency and experience in the right of way industry
- 72 hours of continuing education every 5 years, which includes IRWA courses or conferences, local Chapter/Region educational events, non-IRWA-approved courses and/or seminars and the required IRWA ethics course
- Held to a high level of ethical standards of professional practice