



## **Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting Inc. Acquires Noted Cultural Resources Firm Prewitt and Associates**

*Fast-Growing Environmental Consulting Firm Expands Cultural Resource Management Capabilities with Addition of Award-Winning Industry Veterans*

(AUSTIN, TX – February 3, 2020) – [Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting Inc.](#) (Cox|McLain) announced that it has acquired Austin-based Prewitt and Associates, Inc. (Prewitt). The transaction closed on January 31, 2020. Employees at both firms will remain in their roles, delivering comprehensive environmental project management, planning, and compliance services. The combined cultural resources program will house 15 full-time archeologists and 7 full-time historians.

“Prewitt’s stellar reputation has been earned through decades of top-notch cultural resources research and complex testing and data recovery projects,” said Ashley McLain, AICP, Cox|McLain President. “Over the last 10 years, we’ve built one of the largest cultural resource management programs in the region, and we are thrilled to further increase capacity and expand our expertise.”

The integration will be seamless for Cox|McLain’s clients, which include the Texas and Oklahoma Departments of Transportation, federal and state agencies, local governments, utility companies, and others. The firms have collaborated in the past and bring mutual respect for their technical skills, business acumen, and company culture.

Dr. Chris Dayton, Cultural Resources Program Manager for Cox|McLain, added, “Much of the foundational archeological research in the State of Texas has been performed by the Prewitt team. We’re excited to bring their experience and talent on board to serve clients in Texas and the surrounding states.”

Founded in 1979 by legendary archeologist Elton Prewitt, Prewitt and Associates was one of the first private firms in Texas to focus on archeological and historical research in service of regulatory compliance for infrastructure development. Known for their sound research, clean writing, and thorough reports, Prewitt’s award-winning professionals have completed notable projects throughout Texas and in more than 35 states and 10 foreign countries.

“Joining with Cox|McLain is an ideal fit for a number of reasons,” noted Ross Fields, Prewitt’s President and one of its owners for the last two decades. “In addition to their NEPA expertise, Cox|McLain offers a well-respected cultural resources division, robust technical skills, and a dynamic culture that aligns well with our team. The acquisition honors the heritage of our firm and allows us to continue documenting the prehistory and history of Texas and beyond while serving our clients’ needs through effective resource management.”

### **About Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting Inc.**

Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting Inc. (CMEC) is a HUB/DBE/WBE-certified environmental consulting firm that provides comprehensive environmental and cultural resource compliance services. Founded in 2007, the firm has offices in Dallas, Houston, and Austin, Texas; Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Falls Church, Virginia. CMEC’s experienced staff of more than 60 includes biologists, wetland ecologists, planners, GIS specialists, hazardous materials specialists, archeologists, archival researchers and architectural historians. Learn more at [www.coxmclain.com](http://www.coxmclain.com).