#### DCLRS Client Background

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**ACE HARDWARE**

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**Company Description:**

Founded in 1924, Ace Hardware is a retailer-owned cooperative with 4,600 independently-owned stores. Due to their independently owned nature, Ace Hardware’s retailers range from small, urban stores, to large, rural stores and everything in between. There are approximately 80,000 store associates employed by Ace retailers. Ace’s inventory includes a variety of home improvement products, plus niche items and services relevant to each store’s community.

**Products:**

Available in every major hardware category, there are more than 12,000 different products with the Ace brand name. A complete selection of products is offered in hand and power tools, electrical, plumbing, cleaning, lawn and garden, paint and paint sundries, and automotive. Ace’s hand tools carry a Full Lifetime Guarantee and all other Ace Private Label products are stamped with a Satisfaction Guarantee. Ace Private Label products are priced well below the cost of comparable national brands without sacrificing quality or durability.

**Facilities:**

Ace Hardware’s 4,600 retail locations (4,400 in the U.S.) are located in all 50 states and over 70 countries. About 5,000 team members work at Ace's 14 distribution and manufacturing facilities throughout the U.S and one facility in Shanghai, China. Ace employs 900 team members at its corporate headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations/notices
* Federal and State compliance:
  + Chemicals,
  + Paints,
  + Pesticides,
  + Plumbing,
  + Fertilizers,
  + Any item ACE may sell.
* Federal legislative and regulatory issues
* State legislative and regulatory issues

**Finances:**

* Annual retail sales of $13 billion
* Top 25 of all US retailers
* Privately owned
* No common stock
* Distributes patronage funds based on sales.

**Website:** [www.acehardware.com](http://www.acehardware.com)

**Congressional Members:**

* Illinois
  + Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL-11) – Oak Brook, Illinois headquarters
  + Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16) – Princeton distribution center
  + Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2) – Matteson distribution center
  + Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)
  + Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
* Colorado
  + Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO-5) – Colorado Springs distribution center
  + Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)
  + Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO)
* Washington
  + Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4) – Moxee distribution center
  + Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
  + Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)
* California
  + Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA-4) – Rocklin distribution center
  + Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA)
  + Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
* Arizona
  + Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4) – Prescott Valley distribution center (retail support)
  + Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
  + Senator Martha McSally (R-AZ)
* Texas
  + Rep. Ron Wright (R-TX-6) – Arlington distribution center
  + Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
  + Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)
* New York
  + Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY-21) – Gansevoort distribution center
  + Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
  + Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)
* Ohio
  + Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH-5) – Perrysburg distribution center
  + Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
  + Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)
* Georgia
  + Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA-9) – Gainesville distribution center (retail support)
  + Senator David Perdue (R-GA)
  + Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA) (RETIRING)
* Florida
  + Rep. Daniel Webster (R-FL-11) – Tampa distribution center
  + Senator Rick Scott (R-FL)
  + Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)
* Maryland
  + Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-2) – Hanover distribution center
  + Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)
  + Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

**American Hort (Formerly AMERICAN NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION (ANLA)**

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**Company Description:**

The American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA), organized in 1876, is the national trade association of the nursery and landscape industry. ANLA provides education, research, public relations, and representation services to members. This support enables them to operate more effectively and to provide the public with quality plants, landscape design and installations, and related products and services.

ANLA membership (and products and facilities) is made up of nearly 2,200 firms, mostly small, family-owned businesses who grow and retail plants of all types, and design and install landscapes for residential and commercial customers. The association is headquartered in Washington, D.C. As community-based small businesses, owners and principals are deeply involved in their communities, as employers, taxpayers, and leaders.

In July 2012, the ANLA Board of Directors voted to explore the joint formation of a new trade association with OFA – the Association of Horticulture Professionals. When ANLA’s Bob Dolibois retires, OFA’s Michael Geary will serve as CEO of each organization. The legislative and regulatory team will remain in Washington, DC and the events and management team will remain in Ohio.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Ag. worker issues
* Climate change
* Farm bill and specialty crops
* Immigration – H-2A and H-2B
* NPDES
* Pesticide and fertilizers
* USDA, OSHA, and EPA

**Website:** [www.anla.org](http://www.anla.org)

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH-15)
* Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH-12)
* Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
* Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)

**Additional Information:**

* H-2B Workforce Coalition member (DCLRS co-chairs coalition for ANLA)
* Agriculture Coalition for Immigration Reform (ACIR) member
* Essential Worker Immigration Coalition (EWIC) member

**BELCHIM**

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Belchim Crop Protection, a Belgian player in the European crop protection market. From its origin in Belgium in 1987 to its position as a major European player in the crop protection industry today, Belchim Crop Protection has shown remarkable growth in those 31 years. As a company and an innovative product supplier, it has adapted well to the changes in the industry and the changing regulatory environment. Late Managing Director Dirk Putteman founded his own crop protection business, Belchim, in 1987. By the late 1990s, he sought and found a strategic partnership with ISK Biosciences, and established an international research and development company. This alliance allowed not only a more specialized product portfolio, but also further expansion into Europe. Alongside an innovative product portfolio, credibility and reputation are strong assets of Belchim Crop Protection; and above all, the ability to market a product from a strong introduction to a good market coverage in a short time.

Belchim Crop Protection, managed by its new CEO Johan De Saegher, carries a broad range of state-of-the-art crop protection products but also products for home and garden and amenity use. The recent acquisition of the biological herbicide ‘Katoun Gold’, a good example of sustainable use in a circular economy concept. The product is derived from the cultivation of Cardoon thistle (grows where it is impossible for crops to grow) and its use as an environmentally friendly solution for weed management in public spaces.

**http://www.belchim.com/**

**BIOSTIMULANT COALITION**

**Coalition Description:**

The Biostimulant Coalition is a group of interested parties cooperating to proactively address regulatory and legislative issues involving biological or naturally-derived additives and/or similar products including, but not limited to, bacterial or microbial inoculants, biochemical materials, amino acids, humic acids, fulvic acid, seaweed extract and other similar materials. The coalition is a nonprofit affiliation of interested parties.

The purpose of the Biostimulant Coalition is to bring together companies who develop, sell or market products derived from natural or biological sources, which can:

* When applied in small quantities, enhance plant growth and development;
* Help improve the efficiency of plant nutrients, as measured by either improved nutrient uptake or reduced nutrient losses to the environment, or both;
* Act as soil amendments, with demonstrated ability to help improve soil structure, function or performance and thus enhance plant response; or
* Contribute to all of the above functions.

The goals of the coalition are to:

* Develop a strong working relationship as industry partners with AAPFCO;
* Serve as scientific, technical, business and/or commercial resources regarding the products that our companies develop, sell and/or market;
* Serve as resources in the development of terms and definitions that are agreeable to industry that effectively explain, describe and allow for their proper recognition by regulatory bodies;
* Work with AAPFCO to develop a set of standards for biostimulant products such as fertilizers, biological or naturally-derived additives and similar products including, but not limited to, bacterial or microbial inoculants, biochemical materials, amino acid, humic acid, fulvic acid, seaweed extract and other similar materials.

**Coalition Members:**

* Acadian Seaplants
* Actagro, LLC
* Agricien
* Agrinos
* Arysta LifeScience North America
* CH Biotech
* Cytozyme
* DeltAg Formations
* Lebanon Seaboard Corporation
* LignoTech
* Loveland Products
* Marrone Bio Innovations
* NewLeaf Symbiotics
* Ocean Organics
* Scotts
* Concentric
* SBM Life Science Corp
* Indigo Agriculture
* Plant Impact

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Promote uniform definition of biostimulant products through AAPFCO, ASTM, farm bill regulations, and other vehicles.

**Website:** [www.biostimulantcoalition.org](http://www.biostimulantcoalition.org)

**AAPFCO State Fertilizer Officials:**

* Don Wolf (OR)

**CHLOROPICRIN MANUFACTURERS TASK FORCE (CMTF)**

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**Company Description:**

The Chloropicrin Manufacturers’ Task Force (CMFT) represents all of the U.S. manufacturers of chloropicrin and some end-use registrants.

Chloropicrin is used as a preplant soil fumigant for high value fruit and vegetable crops. Since the 1920’s it has been injected into the soil before crops are planted to kill soil borne fungi nematodes and diseases. Chloropicrin is an essential part of the crop protection program for certain fruits and vegetables. The Methyl Bromide Technical Options Committee has stated that chloropicrin is key to the methyl bromide replacement strategy.

Chloropicrin can produce a strong tearing response, such as from chopping raw onions, and is required by government regulations to be used as a warning agent in certain structural fumigations (such as for termites) and with other soil fumigants. Members of the CMTF are TriCal Inc., Arysta LifeScience Corporation, and Dow Agrosciences.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Chemical site security
* Chloropicrin RED implementation and registration review
* OSHA-EPA global harmonized labeling system
* Soil fumigants

**Coalition Members:**

* TriCal, Inc. – [www.trical.com](http://www.trical.com)
* Arysta LifeScience Corporation – [www.arystalifescience.com](http://www.arystalifescience.com)
* Dow Agrosciences – [www.dowagro.com](http://www.dowagro.com)
* TriEst
* Nichlor Chemical

**COMPOSITE PANEL ASSOCIATION (CPA)**

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**Company Description:**

The Composite Panel Association represents North American composite panel and decorative surfacing industries. Their members include 40 of the leading manufacturers of particleboard, medium density fiberboard and hardboard. The CPA is an accredited standards developer and as such writes and publishes industry product standards, as well as conduct product testing and third party certifications.

**Products:**

[Particleboard (PB)](http://www.pbmdf.com/Particleboard-(PB))**,** [Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF)](http://www.pbmdf.com/index.asp?bid=1077)**,** [Hardboard (HB)](http://www.pbmdf.com/Products---Hardboard)**,** [Decorative Surfaces](http://www.pbmdf.com/index.asp?bid=1130)

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Boiler MACT
  + Taking wood residue and converting it to energy.
* Definition of renewable biomass in the Farm Bill or other energy related legislation
  + Follow because energy companies are purchasing the same feedstocks due to government incentives that create market imbalances.
* Formaldehyde regulation
* Particle Board Specifications
* Product Standards

**Website:** [www.compositepanel.org](http://www.compositepanel.org)

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA-10) – Leesburg headquarters
* Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR-5) – Represents some of their larger members
* Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)
* Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)
* Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
* Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)

**FEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS (FEWA)**

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**Company Description:**

FEWA is a non-profit association originally created in 2001 to assist employers and workers in labor-intensive service industries.  Employer members' industries include: Construction, Restaurants, Lodging, Golf, Marine Salvage, Landscape, Nurseries, Agriculture, Amusement Parks, Shrimping, etc.  Specifically, FEWA is dedicated to improving business conditions, building awareness, and providing services in the areas of labor retention and management.

FEWA has grown to nearly 7,500 members and collectively has secured extensive legislative success through coalition work in our nation’s Capital. FEWA provides several programs and services to help member employers and workers.  One of the many services provided is assistance with the federal guest worker programs such as the H-2 programs.  These programs allow employers, who qualify with the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) and are approved by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), to hire temporary migrant labor from almost anywhere in the world.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* H-2B
* H-2A
* Immigration
* Labor laws

**Website:** [www.fewaglobal.org](http://www.fewaglobal.org)

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX-14) – Bay City headquarters
* Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
* Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)

**Additional Information:**

* Member of the H-2B Providers Coalition
* Member of the H-2B Workforce Coalition

**FMC**

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FMC Corporation is a specialty company serving agricultural, industrial and consumer markets globally for more than a century with innovative solutions, applications and quality products. FMC acquired Cheminova in April of 2015. Revenue totaled approximately $3.3 billion in 2016. FMC employs approximately 6,000 people throughout the world and operates its businesses in three segments: FMC Agricultural Solutions, FMC Health and Nutrition and FMC Lithium.

Ever since our beginning in California in 1883 when John Bean invented the first piston sprayer for agriculture, FMC has continued a proud heritage of pioneering solutions for our customers. Today, we use an array of advanced technologies in manufacturing, research and development to produce customized products and solutions for the many markets we serve.   
  
As a global leader utilizing advanced technologies and customer-focused research and development, FMC provides innovative and cost-effective solutions to enhance crop yield and quality by controlling a broad spectrum of insects, weeds and disease, as well as in non-agricultural markets for pest control.

Our food ingredients are used to enhance texture, color, structure and physical stability. The pharmaceutical additives are used for binding, encapsulation and disintegrant applications. Some of our products are increasingly being used as active ingredients in nutraceutical and pharmaceutical markets.  Our lithium products are utilized in energy storage, specialty polymers and pharmaceutical synthesis.

**LOCATIONS**

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Combining our local presence with our global network of destination markets, Gavilon has built strategic relationships with producers and consumers of grain, food and feed ingredients, and fertilizer. With facilities located in major growing areas and on major railroads, rivers, and ports, we have the resources and infrastructure to provide competitive values across these agribusiness supply chains.

Behind every transaction is a team of professionals you can count on to manage your commodities and help manage your risk. Using our in-depth knowledge of commodity markets and movement empowers our team to navigate the increasingly complex global supply chain and provide producers and customers with local operational knowledge and global market intelligence.

https://www.gavilon.com/grain-marketing

**GOWAN COMPANY**

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**Company Description:**

The Gowan Company was founded in 1963 by owner Jon Jessen. Before becoming Gowan in 1975, it was known as the Dune Company and specialized in selling formulated generic pesticide products on the west coast of the U.S. There are now several divisions including Gowan de Mexico, Gowan Milling and Margarita Internacional. The company specializes in selling products for the cotton market in southwestern Arizona, as well as various products used on specialty and minor use crops.

Gowan Milling is a dry formulation business that produces about 12 million pounds of fungicide and insecticide in wettable powders, granules and water-soluble bags. Margarita Internacional serves as the international component of the company.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Agriculture policy
  + Spray drift
* Duty suspensions
* Endangered Species Act
* Mexican trade issues
* Pesticides and Fertilizers
  + Pesticide regulation
  + PRIA
* Worker protection

**Finances:**

* In 2009, sales were approximately $4.5 million.

**Website:** [www.gowanco.com](http://www.gowanco.com)

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3) – Yuma headquarters
* Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS-3) – Overland Park facility
* Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
* Senator Martha McSally (R-AZ)
* Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS)
* Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS)

**Additional Information:**

* Member of CropLife America (CLA)
* Member of RISE
* Member of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC)
* Member of the Pesticide Policy Coalition (PPC)

**H-2B PROVIDERS COALITION**

**Coalition Description:**

The H-2B Providers’ Coalition is a group of H-2B service providers dedicated to preserving a functioning H-2B program for seasonal employers. The coalition is a forum to coordinate educational and grassroots information about the H-2B program to the Federal Government.

The primary goal of the coalition will be to defeat regulations or legislation that could make the H-2B program more complicated and expensive for seasonal employers.

Specific goals of the Coalition are to:

* Educate legislators/regulators about the importance of the H-2B programs for seasonal employers and the U.S. economy;
* Advocate against the harmful regulations and legislation that will make the H-2B program more expensive and complicated for seasonal employers;
* Empower seasonal employers to reach out to their elected officials expressing their opposition to harmful regulations and legislation.

**Coalition Members:**

* Action International, Inc. – Lori Whitten
* Adnil Services – Linda Turner
* Amigos Labor Solutions, Inc. – Bob Wingfield
* Conley Morgan Law Group, PLLC – Elizabeth Morgan
* Federation of Employers and Workers of America (FEWA)\* - Arnulfo Hinojosa
* JKJ Workforce Agency – James Judkins
* Labor Consultants International – Ginny Muilenburg
* Mid-Atlantic Solutions, Inc. (MASLabor) – Libby Whitley
* Peak Season Workforce – Jane Nichols Bishop
* Practical Employee Solutions – Veronica T. Birkenstock
* Workforce Advantage – Fernando Saenz

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* H-2B program
* Department of Labor (DOL) processing
* DOL regulations and enforcement

\*Also individual client

# ILLINOIS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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**Company Description:**

The Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is a grassroots membership organization with 5,000 members. ICGA maintains a high profile in the legislative arena in Springfield, IL, and Washington, DC. The Illinois Corn Marketing Act precludes the use of corn checkoff dollars for legislative activities, so ICGA utilizes its membership income for these activities. ICGA works alongside the Illinois Corn Marketing Board to promote corn and corn-based products. The IL Corn Marketing Board specifically devotes resources to developing programs and materials for corn market expansion, while ICGA educates the public on a consumer level and represents the industry’s best interests.

They distribute educational materials, create exhibits at state and county fairs, put on promotions at grocery stores and service stations, and work with statewide and national media on issues like ethanol. ICGA works hand in hand with the National Corn Growers Assoc. and other commodity groups to increase sales of corn and corn co-products like ethanol and dried distillers grains and to educate national leaders about the value of Illinois corn to our nation and the world.

**Ethanol:**

The Illinois Corn Growers Association is supportive of ethanol and bio-fuels. They advertise the fact that ethanol comes from dent corn, which is different from the edible corn that most Americans are familiar with. While 10-20 percent of the nation’s corn harvest goes into ethanol, 17 percent of Illinois corn goes into ethanol production. That corn is used to make some 40 percent of the ethanol consumed in the United States and 14 of the 171 ethanol plants in the United States are in Illinois.

**Other Products:**

Members of the ICGA also produce corn as food, animal feed, house hold items, and E85 fuel.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Atrazine (bans and water regulations)
* Climate change
* Ethanol
* Farm Bill
* Locks and dams
* Pesticides and Fertilizers

**Website:** <http://www.ilcorn.org/>

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL-12)
* Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13)
* Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL-15)
* Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16)
* Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL-18)
* Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL-1)
* Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2)
* Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL-3)
* Rep. Jesus Garcia (D-IL-4)
* Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL-5)
* Rep. Sean Casten (D-IL-6)
* Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL-7)
* Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL-8)
* Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL-9)
* Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL-10)
* Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL-11)
* Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14)
* Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL-17)

# ISSA

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**Company Description:**

ISSA, formally the International Sanitary Supply Association, is a worldwide cleaning industry association. ISSA’s global membership includes more than 5,500 distributor, manufacturer, building service contractor, and in-house service provider companies.  ISSA offers the industry's largest cleaning shows around the world; a vast array of educational videos and resources; networking on local, national, and international levels; industry management standards; legislative and regulatory services; and industry news specifically focused on the world's cleaning community.

**Products:**

Distributor, manufacturer, building service contractor, and in-house service provider companies in ISSA use cleaning products.

**Facilities:**

ISSA offices are located in Chicago, USA; Amsterdam, Netherlands; Leicester, United Kingdom; Monterrey, Mexico; and Shanghai, China.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Antimicrobial products
  + Pesticide and green labeling issues before EPA’s antimicrobial division
* Design for the Environment (DfE)
* European Union’s REACH regulations
* Green purchasing requirements
* Immigration and labor
* Inert ingredient exposure
* OSHA – global harmonized system labeling
* Pesticide comparative label claims
* Pesticide registration issues
* PRIA
* Volatile organic compounds (VOC’s) and indoor air quality

**Website:** [www.issa.com](http://www.issa.com)

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL-9) – Chicago headquarters
* Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL)
* Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

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##### Company Description:

Lindsay Corporation has been involved in the manufacture and distribution of agricultural equipment for over 50 years, and has become a major worldwide force in expanding the benefits of irrigation while making it more efficient.

In 2006, the company acquired Barrier Systems, Inc., a manufacturer of proprietary movable barriers for lane management and highway crash cushions to improve the safety of motorists and highway workers. In December 2006, Lindsay acquired Snoline S.P.A., a European leader in road marking and roadway safety equipment. The two companies now form part of Lindsay Corporation Infrastructure Division but irrigation remains Lindsay's core business.

Lindsay added to its core business in January 2008 with the acquisition of Watertronics Inc., a full line supplier of Golf, Residential, Commercial, Sports Turf and Municipal systems.

**Products:**

Lindsay Manufacturing, in continual operation since 1955, designs, manufactures, and markets electrically powered center pivot and lateral move irrigation systems and GrowSmart controls that are used in the irrigation of agricultural crops. As parts of these irrigation systems are rather large, the cost of such a system can run up to $70,000. Lindsay Manufacturing sells its irrigation systems to around 200 dealers, who go on to sell these systems to customers. The systems are then assembled in the field, where wells, pumps, pipes, generators, power lines, and other components of the systems are put to use. The pivot accounts for half the cost of the system, while the labor accounts for the other half. Lindsay sells products in over 90 countries worldwide. Lindsay employs approximately 645 people.

**Subsidiaries:**

* Lindsay International Sales Corporation
  + Personnel located in the Company’s Omaha office, conducts foreign sales operations.
* Lindsay Transportation,
  + Supplies the ground transportation for all of Lindsay Manufacturing’s products in the U.S. and Canada.
* Lindsay Europe SA
  + Manufactures and markets Lindsay products for the European market, operating out of France.
* Lindsay America Do Sul Ltd
  + Production and sales operation working out of Brazil.
* Watertonics
  + Designs and manufactures custom pumping solutions for the Golf, Landscape, Municipal, and Agriculture markets.
* Barrier Systems, Inc.
  + Designs and manufactures the QuickChange Moveable Barrier (QMB) system. Also a DCLRS client.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Ethanol and biofuels
* Farm bill and agriculture policies
* Green building – sky harvester
* International development projects, World Bank, and international lending organizations
* Irrigation
* Water

**Finances: (LNN)**

* For FY 2017, Sales of $518 million
* For FY 2017, Net Income of $23.2 million

**Website:** [www.lindsay.com](http://www.lindsay.com)

**Congressional Members:**

* Nebraska
  + Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2) – Omaha corporate office
  + Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE-3) – Lindsay facility
  + Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE-1) – Milford facility
  + Senator Ben Sasse (R-NE)
  + Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE)
* Washington
  + Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4) – Pasco, Grandview, Othello facilities
  + Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
  + Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)
* Texas
  + Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX-13) – Amarillo facility
  + Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
  + Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)
* Oregon
  + Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR-2) – Hermiston facility
  + Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
  + Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)
* Wisconsin
  + Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI-5) – Hartland facility (Watertronics)
  + Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)
  + Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

**Additional Information:**

* Irrigation Association member
* Association of Equipment Manufacturers member

**METHYL BROMIDE RESCUE TREATMENT COALITION**

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**Coalition Description:**

The Methyl Bromide Rescue Treatment Coalition is funded by a group of methyl bromide producers and applicators. Its goal is to encourage EPA and USDA to authorize the emergency use of methyl bromide. Growers need access to methyl bromide for “emergency” or “rescue” treatments in certain areas because of emerging pest resistance problems and the recent removal of iodomethane (an alternative to methyl bromide) from the market. “Emergency” treatments are not covered by current critical use exemptions for methyl bromide, and supplies of methyl bromide stocks are insufficient to meet expected needs. The Montreal Protocol allows for production of up to 20 metric tons of methyl bromide for an “emergency event” without prior international approval; however, this exemption has never been implemented in the US.

**Coalition Members:**

* TriCal, Inc.
* TriEst, Inc.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Methyl bromide legislation and critical use exemptions
* Soil fumigation
* Spray drift

**MULCH AND SOIL COUNCIL**

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**Company Description:**

Founded in 1972, the Mulch & Soil Council (MSC) is the national non-profit trade association for all producers of horticultural mulches, consumer potting soils and commercial growing media.

The mission of the MSC is to define quality products and promote a fair and open marketplace. To assist the industry in achieving these objectives, the Council provides product standards, product certification, regulatory representation, an annual meeting, plant manager training courses, industry information, special reports, and access to industry research.

**Products:**

The Mulch & Soil Council certifies landscape soils, mulch, premium potting soils, and standard potting soils.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* APHIS quarantine restrictions related to wood boring pests
* Asbestos
* BCAP
* EPA
* Inorganic arsenic
* TSCA

**Website:** [www.mulchandsoilcouncil.org](http://www.mulchandsoilcouncil.org)

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX-19) – Shallowater headquarters
* Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
* Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)

**Additional Information:**

* Scotts Miracle-Gro is a member of Mulch and Soil Council
* Bob LaGasse also represents the Biostimulant Coalition and the National Garden Writers Association.

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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONALS (NALP)**

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##### Company Description:

PLANET emerged on January 1, 2005, when the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA) and the Professional Lawn Care Association of America (PLCAA) joined forces to become a more encompassing network of green industry professionals.

PLANET, the Professional Landcare Network, is an international association serving lawn care professionals, exterior maintenance contractors, installation/design/build professionals, and interiorscapers. The Association represents more than 4,000 diverse companies, from small enterprises to large franchises, and works to increase public awareness for the interests of the lawn care industry. PLANET provides its members with a solid business foundation to help them evaluate, plan, and better manage their companies. Member firms have direct access to marketing tools, industry specific business publications, updates on legislative issues, and networking opportunities that can assist them in becoming more profitable.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Fertilizer regulations
* Green industry issues
* H-2B and Immigration
* Noise and emissions restrictions on power equipment
* NPDES
* OSHA and labor issues
* Pesticide regulations
* Small business issues

**Website:** [www.landcarenetwork.org](http://www.landcarenetwork.org)

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA-10) – Herndon headquarters
* Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)
* Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)

**Additional Information:**

* RISE Member
* Member of H-2B Workforce Coalition (DCLRS co-chairs coalition)
* Member of EWIC
* National Turfgrass Federation member
* PPDC member

**RESPONSIBLE INDUSTRY FOR A SOUND ENVIRONMENT (RISE)**

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**Company Description:**

RISE was formed in 1991 as a non-agricultural pesticide trade organization within CropLife America.

RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) ® is a national not-for-profit trade association representing manufacturers, formulators, distributors and others involved with specialty pesticides and fertilizers used for professional applications and general consumer uses.

RISE members provides a wide range of products used by consumers and professionals on lawns, gardens, sports fields, golf courses, and to control pests of all types including mosquitoes, rodents and other public health threats.

RISE is comprised of seven major segments: Structural Pest Control; Turf and Ornamental; Vegetation Management; Nursery and Greenhouse; Forestry; Aquatics; and Public Health.

RISE monitors federal and state legislative and regulatory issues. On many issues, RISE partners with CropLife America.

Debug the Myths, is an educational program sponsored by RISE. It is designed to help people better understand the value of protecting homes and gardens from bugs, rodents, and weeds while providing fun, interactive activities for the whole family.

The purpose of Debugthemyths.com is to help people be well-informed about the best ways to protect your family and home from pests of both the insect and plant variety. In addition, the website offers applicable, easy-to-understand advice on how to maintain your home and lawn, creating a fun, enjoyable indoor and outdoor environment for your family. The blog features tips and insights as well as thoughts from various experts on maintaining the health of your lawn and landscape, protecting your pets from fleas and ticks, seasonal weed and bug problems.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Chesapeake Bay
* DC City Council
* Integrated pest management
  + Indoor use
  + Schools
  + State regulations
* NPDES permits
* Pesticide and fertilizer restrictions and bans
* Pesticide labeling consistency
* Pesticides and fertilizers
* State fertilizer initiative (with TFI)
* Water – CWA Guidance

**Website:** [www.pestfacts.org](http://www.pestfacts.org), [www.debugthemyths.org](http://www.debugthemyths.org)

**Additional Information:**

* WAC member
* PPC member
* IPM Institute member

**SEPRO CORPORATION**

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**Company Description:**

Formed in 1993, SePRO acquires, develops, manufactures, and markets chemical products for applications in horticulture and aquatics. Their primary markets are aquatic weed control and turf ornamental control.

**Products:**

SePRO’s offerings include turf and landscape products, consumer pond products, greenhouse and nursery products, and aquatics products. Parapro, a SePRO division, is also developing pharmaceutical and lice control products. SePRO subsidiary ReMetrix, provides precision mapping of water bodies. SePRO works with a network of preferred pesticide applicators.

**Legislative and Regulatory Interests and Concerns:**

* Aquatic pesticide issues
* Fertilizer restrictions
* Grants to address nutrients and water quality concerns
* NPDES
* Pesticides
* Phoslock promotion

**Website:** [www.sepro.com](http://www.sepro.com)

**Congressional Members:**

* Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN-5) – Carmel headquarters
* Rep. George Holding (R-NC-2) – Whitakers facility
* Senator Mike Braun (R-IN)
* Senator Todd Young (R-IN)
* Senator Richard Burr (R-NC)
* Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)

**Additional Information:**

* RISE member
* CLA member