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**ORHP Account Executive, Margie Mears, is Chosen
2008 Affiliate of the Year by Local REALTOR® Organization**

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Margie Mears, California Senior Account Executive for Old Republic Home Protection, has been recognized as the Bakersfield Board of REALTORS® 2008 Affiliate of the Year. The award is an honor for Margie, and a testament to her success and achievement since coming to the Bakersfield area three years ago.

When Regional Vice President Steve Jamelkowski heard that Margie had received the award, he stated, "That doesn't surprise me at all. Margie goes above and beyond to satisfy her customers, and is an Account Executive customers can truly rely on. I am very proud of Margie. This huge accomplishment is just another reflection of her hard work, loyalty and dedication."

Mears has worked for ORHP for eight years and has achieved outstanding sales results over those years and has shown her clients how Old Republic Home Protection's philosophy of being "People Helping People" is more than just a slogan. It is what drives all decisions made so the Company can better serve home buyers, sellers and real estate professionals.

Lorna Mello, Vice President of Sales & Marketing with Old Republic Home Protection added that "Margie Mears' commitment to her clients is just one of the reasons Old Republic Home Protection continues to grow our business and achieve outstanding results, even in these difficult economic times. Our Sales Team knows that we can make a positive difference in the lives of our customers."

About Old Republic Home Protection

Their Product

A home warranty is a one-year service contract that repairs/replaces a home's major systems or appliances that fail due to normal use during the term of the contract. A Standard Plan offers coverage on plumbing, heating and electrical systems, as well as major appliances and specialty items such as built-in bathtub whirlpool, and central vacuum systems. Optional coverage is also available, which varies by state. Please see a state-specific Plan for details of coverage.

Their History

Old Republic Home Protection has been a leader in the Home Warranty Industry since 1978, and is currently the third largest home warranty company nationwide, conducting business in 27 states coast to coast. ORHP is a member of the Old Republic International Group of Companies ([ORI](#)), one of the nation's 50 largest publicly held diversified financial services institutions. Headquartered in Chicago, ORI's business is concentrated in commercial insurance lines, diversified across four major industry segments: general, mortgage, title and life.

Their Service Reputation

At Old Republic Home Protection, they don't want to be just a "one-year warranty company" to their clients, but strive to become their warranty company for a lifetime. They earn that type of loyalty by providing great customer service experiences, offering fast, friendly and efficient service that keeps clients coming back year after year!

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