

# Irrigation & Lighting The business & technology

# The industry is waiting — Put your brand in the spotlight



Irrigation & Lighting, an official magazine of the Irrigation Association, is celebrating success as it marks its first full year of providing relevant, timely and accurate content for business owners in these two important landscape specialties. With the buzz this unique magazine is creating in the marketplace, now is the perfect time to be a part of this new publication.

In the past year, Irrigation & Lighting has demonstrated its commitment for these professionals with features and articles full of the information they need to do their best work. As a product of the IA, the recognized authority in irrigation, and with access to experts in landscape lighting, the publication is a natural meeting place for professionals. It includes projects like the annual Industry Outlook Survey and sprinkler and drop-in LED lamp comparison charts. Each issue provides useful information through expert insights and in-depth case studies.

Irrigation & Lighting's website has also gone beyond how-to and case study features to develop exclusive, original news articles that are tightly focused on the most important topics affecting the industry today, such as state water use restrictions, drought issues and new federal legislation.

By supporting Irrigation & Lighting, you are also partnering with the IA to join in its work to promote the value and importance of the landscape irrigation industry. Unlike for-profit publishers, revenue from Irrigation & Lighting is returned to the industry to support advocacy, professional development and other initiatives advancing the industry and securing a future workforce.

Read more about the new print, digital and sponsorship opportunities available. We look forward to partnering with you in 2023.



**52,000+** total subscribers 30,000+ print & 34,000+ digital

4 issues per year



Irrigation & Lighting – an official publication of the Trigation



We've adjusted our publication schedule and renamed our issues to better align with popular trade shows and your seasonal schedule.

# Is your target audience engaged?

Irrigation & Lighting can help you connect with your target audience landscape irrigation and lighting professionals. It is the only publication of its kind focused on providing specialized content and information to these two landscape industry specialties.

Subscribers are those making purchasing decisions for their **company.** They work in residential and commercial markets. as well as in the municipal/parks/sports field market.

Irrigation and lighting industry decision-makers turn to this magazine for essential and relevant information on today's issues impacting their businesses and the industry. Some even use Irrigation & Lighting articles as mandatory reading for their technicians. They appreciate that content is presented at the level of everyday companies serving the industry, and readers agree the features are focused and informative.

**Irrigation design** is

the most reader-requested topic for increased coverage, immediately followed by irrigation installation.\*

### **Smart irrigation** is

the trend most expected to grow among readers, followed by remote irrigation management and native/low-water landscaping.\*

Irrigation maintenance, irrigation design and landscape lighting are the

Percentage of readers interested in **new product** information\*

Percentage of readers interested

in irrigation industry insights\*

Percentage of readers who are executives or supervisors\*

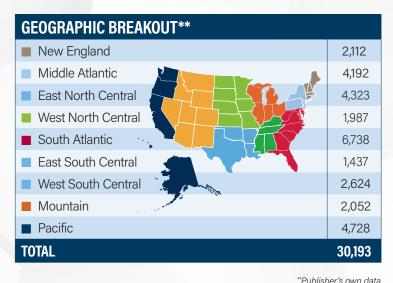
Percentage of readers interested in landscape lighting tips\*

Percentage of readers purchasing irrigation equipment and controllers for clients this year\*

\*2022 Irrigation & Lighting reader survey and 2022 Industry Outlook survey

	PRIMARY BUSINESS**	
	Landscape/Lawn Maintenance Contractor	19,732
	Irrigation & Landscape Lighting Contractor/Consultant	5,825
	Landscape Architect/Designer, Consultant	1,826
	Distributor/Dealer	2,380
	Others Allied to the Field	430
	TOTAL	30,193

PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITY**		
<b>Executive</b>   Owner, Partner, CEO, President, General Manager	20,691	
Manager/Supervisor   Architect, Director, Superintendent, Foreman, Consultant	4,543	
Specialist   Arborist, Agronomist, Instructor, Water Manager, Researcher, Engineer	259	
Sales/Marketing/PR/Advertising	585	
Other Titled/Nontitled Personnel	4,115	
TOTAL	30,193	



# 2023 editorial calendar

	VOL. 2, ISSUE 1 (March)	VOL. 2, ISSUE 2 (June)	VOL. 2, ISSUE 3 (September)	VOL. 2, ISSUE 4 (November)
	Contract closing   Jan. 15 Material closing   Feb. 1 Home delivery starting   March 15	Contract closing   April 15 Material closing   May 1 Home delivery starting   June 15	Contract closing   July 15 Material closing   Aug. 1 Home delivery starting   Sept. 15	Contract closing   Sept. 15 Material closing   Oct. 1 Home delivery starting   Nov. 15
Irrigation	Irrigation installation	Drought	Hydraulics	Irrigation audits
Lighting	Color and temperature	Landscape lighting toolkit	Installation and maintenance	Residential vs. commercial
Technology	Two-wire troubleshooting	Smart irrigation	Pressure regulation	Job management software
Business	Employee recruitment	Diversity, equity and inclusion	Certification	Acquisition
Charts	Sprinkler comparison	Controller comparison	Drop-in LED lamp comparison	Smart LED lamp comparison
Sponsorship opportunities	Keys to Workforce Success  Plus limited profile pages	Watch Us Grow: Industry Standouts	Changing the Landscape Awards  Plus Equip Expo packages	2024 Green Industry Outlook  Plus Irrigation Show packages
In every issue: Irrigation Pipeline column, Night Lighting column, Technology Today column, IA Update and Product Spotlight			Bonus distribution  WaterSmart Innovations October, Las Vegas GIE+EXPO Oct 18-20 Louisville Kentucky	Bonus distribution Irrigation Show & Education Week Nov. 27-Dec. 1, San Antonio



15 honors from TOCA

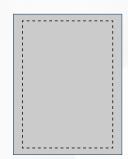
In the last four years, IA's editorial and design team have won 15 awards and honors from the Turf and Ornamental Communicators Association.

# Print specifications & rates

Irrigation & Lighting is a publication of the Irrigation Association, a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) organization. Unlike for-profit publishers, all net revenue is returned to the industry to support advocacy and professional development for the irrigation industry. Not only do we connect you with your target audience, but by advertising with Irrigation & Lighting, you contribute to the future of the industry.

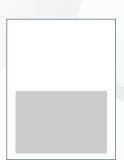
Two-page spread

17" × 10.875" (trimmed) 17.25" × 11.125" (with bleed)

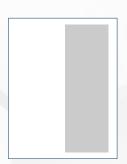


Full-page

8.5" × 10.875" (trimmed)  $8.75" \times 11.125"$  (with bleed)



1/2-page (horizontal)  $7.75" \times 4.875"$ 

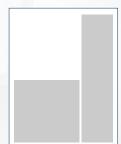


of readers

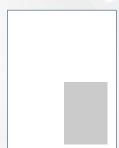
primarily read the

print edition

1/2-page (vertical)  $3.75" \times 9.875"$ 



1/3-page (square)  $5.125" \times 4.875"$ 1/3-page (vertical)  $2.4375" \times 9.875"$ 



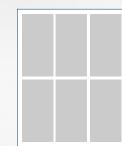
Advertising on a budget or new to the market?

Mini Mart ads are cost-effective options so you

can get the most out of your investment.

1/4-page  $3.75" \times 4.875"$ 

**30,000+** print subscribers



1/6-page (Mini Mart)  $2.4375" \times 4.875"$ 

Get the most out of your advertising with specials like profile page opportunities in the first issue of the year.



### Premium member discounts

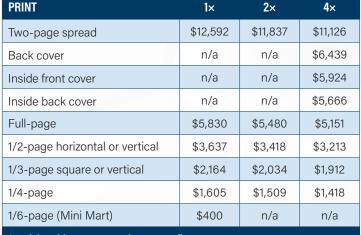
The following discounts apply for premium Irrigation Association members:

- Platinum members 20%
- · Gold members 15%
- Silver members 15%
- · Bronze members 10%

### **Education institution discount**

Advertisers from colleges. universities or other educational institutions will receive a 10% discount on all ads purchased.





Special positions: 10%-25% (guaranteed)

# Reach beyond print with the digital edition

REDUCE INCOMING

PRESSURE FOR **OPTIMAL NOZZLE PERFORMANCE** 

52,000+ total circulation

Irrigation & Lighting's digital edition is the online version of the print publication, allowing readers to browse the magazine from a desktop or mobile device. The digital publication is presented just like the print version, including our award-winning design and content. Ads placed in the print edition go even further online, reaching an extended audience. The digital edition is one more way that Irrigation & Lighting provides more opportunities for your ad to reach a focused audience in as many ways as possible. Advertisers can specify URLs with UTMs to track the effectiveness of their ads.

34,000+ subscribers

Irrigation & Lighting





Digital edition blast open rate: 24.0%\*

THE PRESSURE-REGULATED BODY for Hunter PGP-04 and 1-20 rotors prevents misting and allows the nozzles to operate at peak efficiency. saving up to 25 percent more water. The Hunter PRB rotor reduces high incoming pressures of 3.5-7 Bar and reduces it to 3.1 Bar. Having the pressure regulator in the body allows it to remain in place and functional even if the original riser is removed

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### **FEATURES**

Cover story: Auditing for savings A Tennessee landscape company finds its niche using smart irrigation practices for a commercial client

Troubleshooting drip irrigation Avoid these 5 mistakes for better drip installation and function

Be a team player Communicate with other professionals to make installations run smoothly

Build a better newsletter Use company updates to establish client relationships and show your expertise. Watch Us Grow: 2022 Industry Standouts

These four husiness leaders encouraged growth by empowering employees.

Plan ahead and involve clients early to work through a smart irrigation controller supply shortage.

Changing the

It's time to showcase your work! The Changing the Landscape Awards program is again open for submission. Deadline for entry is June 10 so act fast!

### **IN THIS ISSUE**

From the editor

they're proud of their past and focused on the future



Use our smart controller specification charts to find the product that's right for your irrigation project. vnload these and our other charts now at irrigationandlighting.org/resou

\* Publisher's own

August 2022

# Stand out with sponsorships

Irrigation & Lighting's sponsorship opportunities give you the ideal venue to set your brand apart from the competition and position yourself as a leader in the industry. By becoming a sponsor, you are also partnering with the Irrigation Association, further demonstrating your support of the IA's programs and initiatives and the industry as a whole. Take your pick from these unique special sections to be included in 2023.

# Digital edition package

With the digital edition of Irrigation & Lighting, advertisers have the opportunity to be the first logo that readers see when they read online. This option places your company name and logo permanently on that issue's webpage. When readers click to page through the digital edition, they'll be greeted by your pop-up welcome ad. The limited sponsorship also includes a full-page ad to the left of the cover in the digital edition.

### Comparison chart package

Product comparison charts are an exclusive to Irrigation & Lighting - no other industry publication collects and publishes specifications for some of the most important equipment for irrigation and lighting professionals. Each sponsorship is an opportunity to make your newest products stand out from the rest.

- Sprinklers
- Controllers
- Drop-in LED lamps Smart LED lamps

Percentage of readers interested in

product comparison



This program highlights irrigation and landscape lighting professionals whose businesses have seen growth in the 2022 season. Each class of winners is the focus of a feature in print and online, detailing how they pushed their businesses to new heights. Sponsoring this program will show your support for those driving the industry and connect your logo to successful contractors both large and small.

# Changing the Landscape awards

These awards recognize exceptional work and impressive projects by professionals in two categories: Irrigation and Lighting. Each is an opportunity to connect your brand with contractors and designers who excel in their field. Sponsors receive extensive coverage marketing the awards and announcing the winners.





charts

# Show your industry support with a survey sponsorship

### Reader survey

Each year, *Irrigation & Lighting* surveys its readers to learn more about who is reading the publication and gather valuable information about what content and topics they are most interested in. As a sponsor of this survey, you show that you value what our industry readers think and have a vested interest in providing information they find useful and beneficial.

# Industry Outlook report

The annual Industry Outlook report helps landscape and irrigation professionals measure their growth and follow trends. Your sponsorship will show contractors your support of the industry and put you in front while they're planning for success in 2023.



# Digital industry surveys

Short surveys provide additional insight into some of the most important topics to readers. The results of these surveys are then reported alongside related features on the website. Your sponsorship shows support of



this important research. Sponsors of these surveys are also invited to include a branded question, which gives you an enhanced opportunity to connect and engage with your target audience while gathering important data.





# Expand your reach at trade shows



# Equip Expo package

Held in October, Equip Expo is a popular annual event, drawing *Irrigation & Lighting* readers to Kentucky to see the latest outdoor equipment. With our special Equip Expo package, you can reach your customers right before they head off to the show, using your message to lead them directly to your booth.



# Irrigation Show package

Every year we offer special promotions in connection with the Irrigation Show and Education Week, providing advertisers the opportunity to put their products directly in front of attendees right at the time they're thinking most about purchases. These options provide an increased audience reach for your advertising spend and directly show support for the industry through the Irrigation Association.

# Promote your products



You've got great products, and we want to promote them. Check out our multiple different promotion options to get more eyes on your company's product. Choose from email, web or print — or combine all three into a cost-effective product promo package.

# Product Spotlight print article

Put your product in the hands of our dedicated readers with a Product Spotlight entry. Your product will be showcased in the print and digital edition of the quarterly magazine with an image, description and link to your website.

**Cost:** \$1,300

Circulation: 52,000+

# Product Roundup e-newsletter

Shine the spotlight on your new product and generate sales leads with this popular quarterly newsletter. With limited space, your product is sure to get noticed, and we'll provide lead information following delivery.

Cost: \$700 Circulation: 34,000 Open rate: 21.5%\*

### Product listing on website

With just a few simple clicks, customers will easily discover your products with a sponsored listing on the website. This products showcase will feature three companies on the home page (three-month duration) or on our special Products page (six-month duration).

Cost: \$3,000 for either the homepage or the Products page Average website page views per month: 36,481\* Average website users per month: 30,842\*

\*Publisher's own data, January 2022-August 2022



### Purchase a **product promo package!**

Combine these print, email and web options into one discounted product promo package. Reach out to your sales rep to claim your promo package.

Cost: \$6,000



**Material requirements:** 700 × 467 product image | product webpage link | 50-word summary | 300-word description, including highlight bullets (not needed for Product Roundup)



# Get noticed online

Irrigation & Lighting's website is updated regularly with industry news, special columns and original content on today's important topics affecting our industry, and we work with digital experts to make sure the site is optimized for organic search traffic. Supplement your print commitment with a presence on irrigationandlighting.org.

The new Irrigation & Lighting website hit the internet with a splash last year. Since then, it has been gaining popularity and growing in engagement every month. We are excited to watch this trend continue as the magazine embarks on its second year in publication.

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# **USER-**FRIENDLY website

#### **DESIGN TIPS**

### **Exporting your file from Photoshop**

- 1. Create your banner ad at 650 pixels × 125 pixels
- 2. To export file, go to: File > Export > Export As
- 3. Under Scale All, select "2×"
- 4. Under File Settings, select: Format: JPEG; Quality: 100% or PNG

#### Exporting your file from Photoshop

- 1. Create your banner ad at 650 pixels × 125 pixels
- 2. To export file, go to: File > Export > Export for Screens
- 3. Select the artboard you want to export
- 4. Under Export to, choose where to save your file
- 5. Under Formats, select: Scale: 2×; Format: JPEG 100 or PNG
- 6. Click Export Artboard









### Rates

WEBSITE	Pixels	1×	Frequency
Welcome	640 × 480	\$2,050	Weekly
Super leaderboard <sup>1</sup> Four ads rotate within one position each month.	970 × 90	\$1,800	Monthly
Leaderboard <sup>1</sup> Four ads rotate within two positions each month.	728 × 90	\$1,500	Monthly
Large skyscraper Four ads rotate within three positions each month.	300 × 600	\$1,250	Monthly
Medium rectangle Four ads rotate within three positions each month.	300 × 250	\$880	Monthly
Adhesion	728 × 90	\$1,500	Monthly
Adhesion - mobile	320 × 50	\$750	Monthly
Sponsored content <sup>2</sup>	n/a	\$800	Monthly

- <sup>1</sup> Super leaderboard/leaderboard. Advertiser must also provide 300 × 250 for mobile devices; otherwise ad will not appear.
- <sup>2</sup> Sponsored content. Advertiser provides 700 × 467 image, 40-character title, 150-character description and URL link.



Deadlines: Materials are due 10 business days prior to the run month or run week. Provide JPEG, PNG or GIF file along with linking instructions.

# Newsletters go the distance



The Irrigation & Lighting newsletters regularly deliver targeted industry information and news directly to readers, placing your ads right next to the original content, product information and industry news they're looking for. Each edition provides multiple placement options, and limited spacing means your ad will stand apart from competitors. Extend your reach even farther by including complementary website advertising.

# Rates

NEWSLETTER	Pixels	1×	Frequency
Banner – top	650 × 125	\$1,160	Weekly
Banner – middle	650 × 125	\$925	Weekly
Banner - bottom	650 × 125	\$690	Weekly
Sponsored content	n/a	\$1,050	Weekly



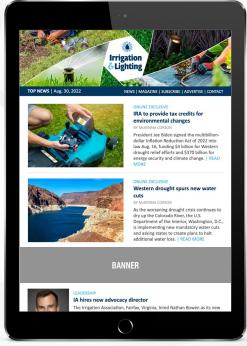


#### Rain Bird-sponsored content

#### **Smarter Irrigation Control**

The Rain Bird RC2 Controller has 8 Zones and WiFi Connectivity to put innovation at your fingertips. It defines smart irrigation controllers with Quick Pair Technology for fast, secure device pairing, Schedule Templates to load commonly used programs and real-time alerts.

Sponsored content. You provide 700 × 467 image, 40-character title, 250-character description and URL link.



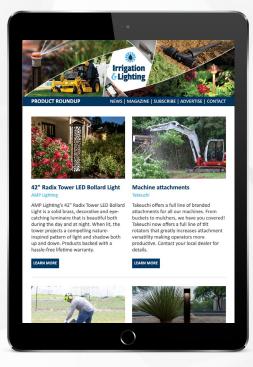
### Weekly newsletter

The Irrigation & Lighting newsletter provides contractors with the latest industry news delivered directly to their inboxes every week. With only four available spots in each newsletter, your ad will be highly visible.

Cost: See Rates table Open rate: 20.1%\*



**Deadlines:** Materials are due 10 business days prior to the run month or run week. Provide JPEG or PNG file along with linking instructions.



### Product Roundup

Promote your new product with the Product Roundup newsletter. Produced four times a year, it's your direct connection to potential customers. (Learn more about our product advertising packages on p. 9.)

You provide a 700 × 467 product image, 50-word description and a link to your product webpage.

Cost: \$700, 10 spots available

Open rate: 21.5%\*

DISTRIBUTION	MATERIALS DUE
February 15	February 1
May 15	May 1
August 16	August 1
November 15	November 1

\*Publisher's own data, January 2022-August 2022

# Check out additional digital opportunities!



### Custom blasts

We'll send your company message directly to our subscriber database. You provide us HTML or a Word document of your custom message, and we'll blast it out to the industry as a sponsored newsletter. Lead information will be provided following delivery.

Cost: \$3,500

Circulation: 16.500+ Open rate: 21.2%\*

# Programmatic advertising

According to Match2One.com, by the end of 2021, 88% of all digital display marketing in the U.S. was spent via programmatic advertising. First-party data-driven programmatic advertising refers to buying, selling or placing ads through an automated process. This enables companies to purchase ad impressions on publisher sites or apps through a sophisticated ecosystem. Reach irrigation and landscape lighting contractors wherever they are online. Contact sales to learn more.



Distributed on the first day of every month.

### IA Events newsletter

The IA Events newsletter is the Irrigation Association's monthly update that carries IA event information to over 29,000 landscape and agriculture irrigation professionals. Ads are  $650 \times 125$ .

Cost: \$1,155 for top spot and \$890 for middle spot

Circulation: 29.000+ Open rate: 25.1%\*



- in 10,400+ followers
- **7,800+** followers
- 1.900+ followers
- 1,400+ followers

### Social media

Expand your reach and distinguish your brand by advertising on the Irrigation & Lighting social media channels. Your ads will be shared with over 21,500 followers made up of landscape designers, contractors, irrigators and lighting specialists. Take advantage of this opportunity to drive traffic to your site, grow your brand awareness and promote your products and services.

Cost: Four posts for \$2,200, one post per week Organic impressions: 13,600+ per month\*



Let us create a **custom advertising** package or polybagging option that will meet all your marketing goals.

Reach out to your sales rep on p. 13.

\*Publisher's own data, January 2022-August 2022

### Policies & materials

### **General policy**

Advertisers and advertising agencies assume liability for all content, including text, representation and illustration of advertisements printed as well as for any claims originating with the ad and made against the publisher. The publisher reserves the right to reject any advertising or to request changes. Any deliberate attempt to simulate the publication's format is not permitted, and the publisher reserves the right to place the word "advertisement" with copy that, in the publisher's opinion, resembles editorial matter.

In addition, Irrigation & Lighting will not publish advertisements (print or digital) that include pricing of any kind or comparative content (e.g., research, testimonials or other content comparing one company's products/services, brand or company to another).

### **Cancellations**

Cancellations will not be accepted after the closing date and will not be considered executed unless acknowledged in writing by the publisher. All cancellations must be in writing. Contact your account manager for deadline extensions or questions. Covers are not cancelable.

Publisher reserves the right to repeat previous advertisement until new advertisement or instructions are received, if material deadline has passed.

#### **Contract terms**

Irrigation & Lighting reserves the right to reject or cancel any advertising for any reason at any time. The advertiser represents that the advertising submitted by it for publication contains nothing which can result in any claim against the publication, and it agrees to indemnify the publication against any damages and expenses arising out of the publication of such advertising.

In case of error of omission or typesetting relating to an advertisement covered in this contract, the publication's liability shall be restricted to the insertion of a corrected advertisement in the next issue.

All agreements are subject to accidents, fires, acts of God, labor disputes, or other contingencies beyond the control of the publication. Further, the publisher shall not be liable for damages if for any reason it fails to publish an advertisement.

### **Payment terms and agency commission**

Terms: Net. All bills payable in 30 days.

Agency discounts are provided. Accounts not paid within 30 days incur a past-due service charge of 11/2% per month.

If agency does not make appropriate payment to publication, advertiser is financially responsible for insertion.

In the event that collection proceedings are taken, advertiser and agency are responsible for all costs thereof.

### **Issue and closing dates**

Irrigation & Lighting is published four times per year. The closing dates are Jan. 15 (March), April 15 (June), July 15 (September) and Sept. 15 (November). Ad materials are due 10 business days later.

If fewer insertions are used within one year than specified in the order, then charges will be adjusted in accordance with established rates.

### **Graphic services**

Irrigation & Lighting has an in-house art department. Services from concept to finished materials are available at reasonable rates. Contact your sales rep to learn more.

### **Print specifications**

Publication trim size: 8.5" × 10.875"

Binding: Saddle stitch Trim marks: Yes

Bleed: 0.125" outside trim area

#### Resolution:

- Color and grayscale images minimum 300 dpi at 100% of actual size
- Vector or line art graphics minimum 600 dpi

### **Material requirements**

### Accepted print file formats:

- High-resolution, press-ready PDF (preferred format)
- Illustrator AI or EPS
- InDesign
- Photoshop TIFF or JPEG (flattened)

### Accepted digital file formats:

- JPEG/PNG
- GIF\*
- HTMI 5\*
- third party tags\*
- \* Website only

### File preparation

- · All fonts (including fonts for all imported graphics) must be embedded or converted to outlines.
- All color images must be saved as CMYK four-color process. (RGB or LAB color is not allowed. Convert all spot or Pantone colors to process, Remove all unused colors.)
- Include all linked graphics. (All images must be linked correctly and meet the specifications above.)

Irrigation & Lighting will not be responsible for the reproduction of your ad if the steps listed above have not been followed.

### **File submission**

Only send files to be used in your ad. Highresolution files with all fonts and graphics used should be included. Materials are due by the dates listed in this media planner. Publisher reserves the right to reject any materials submitted after that date and is not responsible for associated printing errors.

### Send advertising materials to:\*\*

materials@irrigationandlighting.org

\*\* If files are larger than 10MB please use WeTransfer.com to submit your artwork.



# Advertise with us today!

### **ADAM HAUPTLI**

(new advertisers)





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### **TOM SCHOEN**

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The IA has additional marketing opportunities!

Irrigation & Lighting has a unique industry connection with the Irrigation Association, the leading membership organization for irrigation equipment and system businesses. Learn about the IA's additional marketing opportunities and how you can expand your reach to another unique irrigation and lighting audience.

### Let our team design a customized advertising package perfect for you!

Contact Stephanie Clark, IA vice president of strategic partnerships & business development, at stephanieclark@ irrigation.org or 703.472.5810.



