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**David Evans and Associates, Inc., and Triad Announce Merger**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA), a nationally recognized professional services consulting firm of more than 950 people and headquartered in Portland, Oregon, has expanded its presence in the Pacific Northwest by merging with Triad, a 50-person, multidisciplinary design firm headquartered in Woodinville, Washington. Upon closing the transaction Triad became a division of David Evans and Associates.

DEA Chairman and CEO Dr. Al Barkouli, P.E. said, “The merger with Triad will substantially increase DEA’s presence in Puget Sound and provide clear benefits to our clients, employees, and shareholders. Triad’s outstanding reputation, excellent client relationships and talented staff enable us to offer our clients an expanded and comprehensive suite of consulting services.”

Triad President Jeff Cox, ASLA, said, “When considering this opportunity, we really focused on how our two companies’ core values align, and it’s clear to me this is a great fit. There are a lot of similarities, especially when it comes to how each company values its clients and honors its employees. The merger will allow Triad’s clients to benefit from expanded services and resources – both regionally and nationally. Our project teams are looking forward to being part of a five-office, Puget Sound-area DEA team. By being part of a larger talent pool, they’ll be able to collaborate on a wider variety of projects, work with new client types and offer expanded services. We’ll be stronger together.”

For more than 40 years, Triad has earned an impressive reputation for producing high-quality solutions for a variety of project types around the Pacific Northwest. The experienced civil engineers, surveyors, planners and landscape architects combine best practices with creative thinking to enhance the built environment. Triad prides itself on delivering design excellence for

both private- and public-sector clients by working with many of the region's premier architecture and engineering firms, homebuilders, general contractors, real estate companies, and on behalf of private property owners, counties and cities. There is more to Triad than just great technical expertise. Every day, Triad employees, clients and community benefit from an empowering corporate culture, solid core values, lasting personal connections, and commitment to sustainable practices.

For more than 35 years, DEA has provided clients with unique and innovative design services for transportation, water, land, energy and marine infrastructure systems. The firm's staff includes engineers, surveyors, hydrographers, planners, landscape architects and natural resources scientists. DEA has 25 offices nationwide and employs more than 950 people. DEA is an employee-owned corporation and consistently ranks among ENR's (Engineering News Record's) "Top 100 Pure Design Firms" in the United States.