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PROVIDENCE ACQUIRES GSE, EXPANDS OFFICE SITES

Providence today announces the completion of its acquisition of GSE Associates in Houma, Louisiana. GSE Associates, formerly Gulf-South Engineers, provides comprehensive architectural, engineering, planning and surveying services. GSE has specialized in planning, design and implementation of civil works projects, surveying services and construction administration throughout Louisiana and the Gulf Coast since 1944. As a Providence Company, GSE Associates will now offer services from five office locations in Louisiana (Houma, Metairie, Morgan City, Baton Rouge and Alexandria), two offices in Texas (Dallas and Houston) and one in Gulfport, Mississippi. Arthur DeFraités, owner of GSE for the past 56 years, will remain as Senior Managing Partner.

“I look forward to a long and continuing relationship with our clients and am proud of our ability to provide a larger range of professional services in the future,” DeFraités noted. DeFraités also announced that Clay Breaud and Phil Schexnayder have been named Managing Partners at GSE and added to the corporate ownership. Engineers Phillip Parker and Dale Mouch will move from Providence Engineering and Environmental Group to GSE Associates.

“Providence is constantly seeking to increase the diversity and quality of services for our clients,” explained Providence Senior Managing Partner Rich Major. “The addition of the depth of experience and long-term reputation of such a solid firm as GSE will significantly boost our capabilities.” The Providence family of companies provides professional services including public affairs, planning, environmental permitting and compliance, security and infrastructure protection and now the full range of architectural and engineering-surveying services.

The Providence culture highlights flexibility and diversity in an effort to fulfill employee career aspirations and continually expand services and service areas. Providence delivers exceptional customer service and cost-effective solutions to our industrial and governmental clients, both in the continental U.S. and overseas. For more information visit www.providenceeng.com.

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