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Sauk City, WI – For the past several years, Ramaker & Associates and Cities Edge Architects, Inc. have been working together in a collaborative approach on some exciting hospitality projects. A well-established relationship has developed, in part, due to the firms providing complementary services.

We are pleased to announce that effective May 1, 2010, Cities Edge, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ramaker & Associates, Inc., has acquired certain assets and business operations of Cities Edge Architects, Inc.

Cities Edge is known nationwide as the go-to firm for architectural design services in the hospitality industry. Many national hotel franchisors and franchisees have turned to Cities Edge for their expertise when designing a new prototype, developing a new site, or remodeling an existing property. Historically, Cities Edge has specialized in hotels, resorts and waterparks.

Ramaker & Associates is known nationwide as the premier firm for aquatics design services in the waterpark industry. This specialized expertise has provided the opportunity to design both outdoor and indoor waterparks throughout the country.

By combining the staff and experience into one company, we are now a full service architectural and engineering firm. The combined experience and knowledge in the waterpark industry is expected to open many doors and produce fresh teaming efforts for the company.

The acquisition will benefit our clients through new services, expanded service capabilities, and better coordination. We have dedicated employees and an outstanding, nationwide network of satisfied clients upon which to rely. These strengths will provide our clients with superior service in the architecture and engineering market.

This acquisition is an exciting opportunity for Ramaker & Associates. John Hafner, AIA, owner of the former Cities Edge Architects, Inc., joins the Ramaker management team as Vice President of Architecture. "The architectural experience of John Hafner and the rest of the staff joining us is extremely diversified," said Jamie Skowronski, President of Ramaker & Associates. "Couple that with the talent, multi-disciplines and infrastructure already in place and it's easy to see the synergies. On day one, we are a fully staffed and experienced architectural firm with all building design services in-house."

Ramaker & Associates offers the following expanded list of professional services provided by in-house staff:

- Architecture
- Owner's Representative Services
- Master Planning
- Facility Condition Assessments
- Feasibility Studies
- Construction Administration
- Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Administration of LEED Certification

- Aquatic Engineering
- Building Design & Inspection Services
- Cemetery Software
- Civil Engineering & Site Development Services
- Environmental Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Geographic Information Systems
- Land Surveying
- MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) Design
- Property Condition Assessments
- Structural Engineering
- Technology Services
- Telecommunications Consulting & Deployment Services

About Ramaker & Associates

For almost two decades, Ramaker & Associates has provided a variety of professional engineering services to our clients, enabling them to create successful projects. Founded in the small town of Sauk City, Wisconsin, as a civil and environmental engineering firm, with a strong Midwest work ethic and close proximity to the thriving city of Madison, the firm has seen tremendous growth. Over recent years the staff has more than tripled and now provides a diverse line of engineering services and performs work in locations all across the nation.

Through the creation of Ramaker & Associates' Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) in 2007, each employee has been empowered to control their future and the continued success of the firm. The employees are dedicated to providing the best experience for clients and strive to go above-and-beyond what is expected. The ability to work closely and cooperatively with clients to successfully complete projects within budget and on time is why Ramaker & Associates generates most of its work from repeat business.

With the addition of experienced architectural staff, Ramaker & Associates is positioned to satisfy a whole new set of clientele. With varied and diversified project needs, Ramaker & Associates will offer the latest in design technology including a broad spectrum of three-dimensional design, computer modeling, imaging, and animation capabilities.

Company Leadership

President & CEO: James Skowronski, P.E.
Vice President of Aquatics: Daryl Matzke, P.E.
Vice President of Architecture: John Hafner, AIA
Vice President of Engineering: Michael Pinske, P.E.
Vice President of Environmental Services: Andrew Rice
Vice President of Technology Services: Brandon Finley