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Seattle, WA and Montvale, NJ

Anchor Environmental And Quantitative Environmental Analysis (QEA) To Merge

Anchor Environmental, L.L.C. (Anchor) of Seattle, Washington, and Quantitative Environmental Analysis, LLC (QEA) of Montvale, New Jersey, have announced that the companies will merge to create a national environmental and engineering consulting firm that specializes in aquatic, shoreline, and water resource projects. Effective early January 2009, the two firms will operate under the name Anchor QEA, LLC (Anchor QEA) and will be headquartered in Seattle, Washington. Anchor QEA, with more than 200 employees nationwide, will provide clients with a full range of science and engineering services including scientific investigation, engineering design, construction management, planning and permitting. Anchor QEA will continue to focus on providing state-of-the-science investigations and innovative solutions for contaminated sediment management, water resources, surface water and groundwater quality, dredging, coastal development, and habitat restoration projects. Anchor QEA will operate offices in California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

Separately, Anchor and QEA have earned national reputations in sediment cleanup and water quality engineering issues and work for both public and private sector clients on some of the most challenging sites in the nation. The Anchor QEA merger represents a rare combination of equals. Formed in 1997, Anchor is an environmental consulting company centered in the Pacific Northwest. QEA, formed in 1998, is an environmental consulting company with business operations focused in the Northeast. Both firms share the same guiding principles and values that have enabled them to establish and maintain an exceptional reputation in the environmental field including strong emphasis on work quality and value, client service orientation, and a relaxed and professional employee-focused work environment. As with the two predecessor companies, Anchor QEA will be managed by a group of shareholders. Tom Schadt, who will serve as the managing partner, said "The merger provides an opportunity for two great firms to be even better together." Anchor QEA looks forward to providing clients with continued high quality and valued scientific and engineering services from a broader national platform.

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Anchor Environmental to merge with N.J. firm

- *The combined firm, Anchor QEA, will be based in Seattle.*

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Seattle environmental consulting firm Anchor Environmental has announced it will merge with Quantitative Environmental Analysis of Montvale, N.J., in January.

The combined firm, which will be based in Seattle, will be called Anchor QEA. Tom Schadt, managing partner of Anchor Environmental, will remain the managing partner after the merger.

“We’ve worked together for years and years,” Schadt said. “We provide complementary services in the same market niche.”

QEA has expertise in the investigation and evaluation of contaminated sites, Schadt said, while Anchor specializes in site cleanups. Jim Rhea, a founding partner of QEA, was not available for comment.

Together the firms have more than 200 employees in 18 offices, mostly in the Northwest and Northeast. They share a building in Syracuse, N.Y., but have separate offices there. Those offices will be consolidated into one.

The firms will continue to focus on contaminated sediment management, water resources, surface water and groundwater quality, dredging, coastal development and habitat restoration.

Schadt said combining forces will give the firms a chance to open new offices in the Midwest and Gulf region, and to expand into new markets such as energy.

“We’re just really excited about the future,” he said. “New doors will open up for sure.”

Discussions regarding the merger started long before the current economic slump began, Schadt said. “We have so much synergy, it seems to make even more sense in this environment.”

Anchor is in good shape, he said, because it’s engaged in a number of large projects. Some of them are court ordered, he said, so work will be unaffected by economic conditions.

Both firms work for a mix of private and public sector clients.

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