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Spalding DeDecker Associates hires Joseph Muller, PE



Detroit, MI (November 8, 2007) - - Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. (SDA), a regional civil engineering and surveying firm, recently hired Joseph Muller, PE to head their National Land Development Program.

Mr. Muller comes to SDA with thirty-five years of experience in the civil engineering industry including national pavement management programs, storm water management, road design, survey, and geotechnical. He will be responsible for managing and expanding SDA's National Land Development Program where the focus will be serving clients across the United States. Mr. Muller graduated from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Joe is currently licensed as a Professional Engineer in Michigan, Ohio, Arizona, South Carolina, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Joe has over thirty-five years of experience in site development, consulting civil engineering, and construction quality control. His career consists of a progression of responsibilities including: soils laboratory testing; inspection of borings and performing construction quality control; analyzing, designing and supervising office and earthwork operations for major commercial and industrial projects nationwide; developing specifications for a wide range of projects in varying soil conditions; preparing cost estimates, proposals, budgets, and construction documents; project setup / overseeing project managers; and serving as an expert witness regarding extensive building and site related failures.

For the past 12 years, Joe managed the day to day operations and rapid expansion of a very successful nationally recognized firm as President and CEO. He also set up and managed 2 branch offices offering mirrored services. It is well known that his ability to develop land development related services and strategies are necessary for a growing civil engineering firm to strengthen in an uncertain local economy.

"We are very excited to have Joe on board," said David A. Lakin, PE and President of SDA. "Mr. Muller will be in charge of expanding our national engineering and surveying opportunities. With one of SDA's strategic initiatives being national growth, the acquisition of Joe Muller is a key for our success. Joe's experience in providing a diverse line of services to the national market and his proven track record of being responsible for another company's national growth gives us the knowledge and credibility we need. Joe Muller is a perfect fit for SDA."

Established in 1954, Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. is an engineering consulting firm specializing in infrastructure, land development, and surveying. With offices in Detroit, Rochester Hills, and Brighton, Michigan, and field offices in Trenton and Farmington Hills, Michigan, SDA is an employee-owned and ISO certified organization that provides design and engineering

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solutions for municipal, land development, transportation, and water/wastewater projects. The firm also offers complete construction engineering and land surveying & mapping services.
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