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Al Barkouli Named President and Chief Operating Officer of David Evans and Associates, Inc.

Lyn Wylder and Mike Reynolds promoted to office manager positions for Portland and Salem

PORTLAND, Ore. – Nov. 30, 2007 – Al Barkouli has been named president and chief operating officer for David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA). Since joining DEA in 1988 as an engineer-in-training, Barkouli has worked his way up through the company. After leading the DEA Portland office's engineering group for several years, he became the office manager in July 1999.

Under Barkouli's leadership, DEA's Portland office has worked on many notable projects. These include providing design and construction engineering services for the historic Hawthorne Bridge rehabilitation project in downtown Portland, Ore.; serving as lead engineer for the Airport MAX light rail extension in Portland; and developing habitat restoration plans for the Port of Portland's Rivergate Industrial District adjacent to the Columbia Slough and Smith and Bybee Lakes Natural Area.

Barkouli follows in the footsteps of Ken Wightman, who served as president of DEA before assuming his current role as CEO. Founder Dave Evans will continue to serve as the chairman of the board of directors for DEA.

"As a leader, Al exemplifies the values and purpose of our firm. In his 20 years at DEA, he's mastered every role asked of him," said Evans. "As he becomes president and COO, I am more than confident we are in good, honorable and passionate hands to carry us to an even brighter future."

DEA's Portland office will now be managed by Lyn Wylder. Wylder joined DEA in 2000 after serving as the vice president for operations for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority. She has more than 24 years of experience in engineering and construction administration, as well as oversight of large public transportation projects - most recently as DEA's project manager for the Federal Transit Administration's program management oversight of transit and highway construction projects in lower Manhattan.

Mike Reynolds was also named Salem office manager. Reynolds joined DEA in 1995 to help establish DEA's bridge practice. He has more than 22 years of bridge engineering and design experience, and he previously led the bridge design and engineering team in Salem. He has been serving as interim office manager for Salem since June 2007.

"I am excited for Lyn and Mike to step into their new leadership roles," said Wightman. "They have both made significant contributions to DEA, and I expect they will continue to do so as their offices grow in the upcoming years."

Since its founding in 1976 in Portland, Ore., DEA has become a recognized leader for progressive and sustainable design and management solutions for complex transportation, land development, energy, and water resources projects nationwide. The firm has over 20 offices in seven states and employs more than 1,000 people. Its staff includes professional engineers, surveyors, planners, landscape architects, and natural resources scientists. DEA is an employee-owned corporation and consistently ranks among *Engineering News Record's* Top 100 Pure Design firms in the U.S. DEA and its staff are committed to improving the quality of life, while demonstrating stewardship of the built and natural environments.

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