

## EXCITING NEWS FROM RIVER VALLEY ARCHITECTS & SDS ARCHITECTS

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The Principals of River Valley Architects (RVA) and SDS Architects are thrilled to announce that they will be joining forces. Later this fall, the newly combined team will move forward as River Valley Architects and be located at RVA's current headquarters in Eau Claire, WI. SDS has been serving Northwest Wisconsin for nearly 70 years, and has developed a strong reputation as a leader in K-12 and Higher Education design, as well as notable Commercial and Religious projects. RVA, founded in 2008, has extensive experience in Healthcare, Industrial/Manufacturing, Mixed-Use/Multi-Family, Financial, and Hospitality markets -- as well as a substantially broad range of Commercial clientele.

"We are excited about this partnership for a number of reasons," said Dale Poynter, AIA, current President of SDS Architects. "Consolidating our forces allows us all to become part of a greatly-expanded team -- providing a significantly broader range of service areas, talent, and experience to both our existing and new customers. The RVA and SDS team skill sets complement each other extraordinarily well and this opportunity is a true win-win situation for our team and for our clients."

"Our two firms have worked independently on nearly parallel tracks for years and now we will be officially joining forces with another locally-owned and well-respected firm," added Tom Twohig, AIA, Principal at SDS. "The increase in depth of talent when we combine our teams will be a big plus for all involved." "The increased diversification of project experience and additional depth will benefit our clients, strategic partners and staff in many ways," concluded Jamey Bowe, Principal Architect and President of RVA. "This merger also solidifies our commitment to emerge as the leading architectural firm in Western Wisconsin and beyond.

RVA provides comprehensive architectural design, interior design, and construction administration services to a wide array of clients. The team is passionate about sharing their experiences with both clients and staff to ensure they are always building relationships along the way. The people that drive the work have a clear vision of what constitutes effective design and have the ability to draw upon experience and owner input to create fresh and distinctive designs.

*Link to original press release:*

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