

## SEPI ACQUIRES TWO FLORIDA-BASED PLANNING AND DESIGN FIRMS TO EXPAND SOUTHEAST FOOTPRINT

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We are proud to announce the acquisition of two Florida-based planning and design firms, The Mellgren Planning Group in Fort Lauderdale, FL., and Palmetto, FL.-based Foley/Kolarik, Inc. The acquisitions support our long-range strategy of diversifying their service offerings, building and expanding our existing planning and land development services, and expanding throughout the Southeast. Together the companies' broad base of expertise will provide an enhanced client experience benefiting both our public and private sector clients.

"The opportunity to add two amazing firms to SEPI and expand our footprint in the Southeast is one we couldn't pass up," said Sepi Saidi, President and CEO of SEPI. "These acquisitions position us as a powerhouse firm across a variety of service offerings pertaining to urban design, land development, and across the A/E/C industry as a whole. We look forward to welcoming The Mellgren Planning Group and Foley/Kolarik to the SEPI team."

Saidi founded SEPI in 2001 and has transformed the company to be a premier multi-disciplinary engineering firm ranked annually in the Engineering News-Record (ENR) Top 500 Design Firms with a mission to serve clients as a trusted resource, contribute to projects that improve the quality of life in its communities, and provide a rewarding employee experience through its diverse and inclusive team culture. She has continued to lead the firm to be \$40 million in revenue, with more than 300 employees in several states across the southeast. This growth has been the catalyst and underlying theme for the past two years.

One of Florida's leading land use and urban design firms, The Mellgren Planning Group is known for their urban innovation, specializing in long-range planning, community involvement, developing and applying zoning codes and land development regulations, and urban designs. With an interest in the world around them, the people who live in it, and the places that inspire them, The Mellgren Planning Group is currently providing planning services for the City of Parkland, an urban design review in Boca Raton, and a comprehensive plan update for the City of Margate, among numerous other projects.

Gulf Coast-based Foley/Kolarik brings an innovative and cost-effective approach to their engineering solutions and has worked on marquee projects including The Concession Golf Course, an 18-hole Nicklaus Signature Course in Bradenton, Fla., a wellness center and canine fitness center on the campus of Southeastern Guide Dogs, an internationally accredited non-profit in Palmetto, FL., and numerous projects with the Manatee County School District. Current projects will see them build out a 300+ lot addition to the Lake Club, named Genoa, in Manatee County.

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