

## Vertex acquires Neptune Fire Protection Engineering

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### Acquisition Expands VERTEX's Suite of Solutions and Augments Southeastern Presence

VERTEX is pleased to announce the acquisition of Neptune Fire Protection Engineering, LLC (Neptune), a premier fire protection engineering and life safety services consultancy serving clients across the United States.

"We are extremely pleased to bring Neptune and its talented team into the Vertex family," said Bill McConnell PE, CEO of VERTEX. "Neptune strengthens our bench of technical experts and complements our engineering design, forensics, and owner's representation groups, allowing us to serve our customers with a broader set of technical expertise for their real estate assets and projects."

Andrew Chagnon PE, the Managing Director of VERTEX's Engineering Design Services said, "since my first meeting with the Neptune team, it was abundantly clear that our corporate cultures are in alignment, as both firms have a mutual dedication to our clients, our teammates, and our ever-present commitment to deliver first-class professional services will allow us to accelerate our growth journey into the future."

For Neptune, VERTEX provides the right fit, as it is a multi-disciplined professional services firm that has active projects globally, a platform of offices throughout North America, and is laser focused on quality, value, and creating continuous growth opportunities for all team members. Neptune and its clients will have direct access to VERTEX's resources and suite of specialized services. "With VERTEX, our team will continue to bring the technical excellence our clients have come to rely on while expanding the breadth of our services to meet additional client needs," said Steve Kowkabany, Principal and founder of Neptune. "We are extremely excited to join the VERTEX family; a move we feel adds significant value to both our employees and our clients."

Neptune represents VERTEX's first acquisition since Wind Point Partners became VERTEX's Private Equity Partner in September 2021. "Neptune is an excellent addition to the Vertex platform," stated Nathan Brown, Managing Director at Wind Point. "Strategic acquisitions that expand and complement VERTEX's service capabilities, technical excellence and value proposition are elemental to our value creation plan. We are excited to continue supporting the growth of the platform with this excellent acquisition."

VERTEX will continue seeking acquisitions that add exceptional talent, complementary employee-focused cultures, and a deep commitment to clients. Jeff Picard, President of VERTEX says, "We want to create opportunity for our employees and add value to our clients as we grow strategically. Wind Point has been an excellent partner in growth."

*Link to original press release:*

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