

Architectural Resources Inc. Merges with Widseth

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Architectural Resources Inc. (ARI) has merged with the architecture and engineering firm Widseth, effective August 1, 2023.

With offices in Hibbing and Duluth, Minn., ARI has been offering architecture, mechanical and electrical engineering, interior design, and landscape architecture design services across Minnesota and Wisconsin for more than 50 years.

This partnership will allow Widseth the ability to grow in key markets. A history of collaboration on 11 prior projects, including significant undertakings like the Brainerd Schools, laid the foundation for this merger.

Katie Hildenbrand, former president of ARI stated, “The cultural alignment and shared values between ARI and Widseth led to meaningful discussions, fostering an environment where joining forces became a natural next step. Merging with Widseth allows us the ability to offer an expanded suite of services to our long-time clients and the additional resources to continue to take on small and large-scale projects in our communities.”

Widseth president Tim Ramerth added, “All of us at Widseth are excited to build on our history of collaboration with our newest colleagues. For our clients, bringing our firms together creates dynamic teams with a new depth of expertise, geographic reach, and level of service—making sure they have a superior client experience. Expanding services and growing our offices to better serve our clients is an important strategic initiative for Widseth. We are looking forward to our journey together.”

Katie Hildenbrand, CID, Ryan Erspamer, AIA, David Jordan, PE, and Karl Larsen, RA, are joining Widseth as vice presidents in the firm and will maintain their leadership roles in the Duluth and Hibbing offices. ARI also brings a talented team of 32 employees who will seamlessly integrate into Widseth, enriching the firm's capabilities and expanding its reach across northeastern Minnesota and into Wisconsin.

Widseth's footprint now extends to 12 locations, including Alexandria, Baxter/Brainerd, Bemidji, Crookston, Duluth, East Grand Forks, Hibbing, Mankato, Perham, Rochester, and Wyoming in Minnesota, as well as Grand Forks, North Dakota.

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