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DOWL Engineers and HKM Engineering Merge

Anchorage, Alaska, April 3, 2008 – DOWL Engineers (DOWL), provider of civil and transportation engineering services, announced a merger with HKM Engineering (HKM), a Montana and Wyoming based consulting engineering firm. Combined, the firms present a strong western US regional presence with offices in Alaska, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, and Arizona. The merger was effective April 1, 2008.

DOWL provides a wide range of civil engineering and related services, including: facility site planning and design; the design of roadways, highways, airfields, and trail systems; and water, sewer and storm drain systems. The firm was founded in Anchorage in 1962 and has offices in Redmond, Washington and Tucson, Arizona and maintains a staff of about 200. Alaska Testlab, a division of DOWL, provides materials testing and construction inspection services.

HKM has been providing civil, structural, and environmental engineering services in the mountain states since 1955. Over the past 50 years, HKM has grown into a full-service engineering firm with offices in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, and Miles City, Montana as well as Sheridan, Laramie, and Lander, Wyoming and maintains a staff of approximately 200. HKM operates certified materials testing labs in Billings, Bozeman, Sheridan, and Lander.

Karen Fagg, Ron Billstein, Gary Simonich, Jeff Fuller, Kurt Grabow, John Shoff and 13 other long time HKM employees will be owners in the new, merged company. Ron, Gary, John, Jeff, and Kurt will continue to manage the offices in Montana and Wyoming. Karen will become a Vice President of DOWL and will be responsible for the Western States Region of DOWL, which will include DOWL's practices in Washington and Arizona.

In making the announcement, HKM's President, Karen Barclay Fagg stated, "We are excited about the prospect of joining two outstanding teams to provide expanded services to our clients. The merger joins two firms that share core values of professional integrity, engineering excellence, client success, employee growth and community enhancement."

DOWL's President Stewart G. Osgood, P.E. added, "We are committed to growth and providing challenging opportunities for our staff. Adding HKM is a strategic step in achieving those goals. By joining forces with HKM, we increase our presence in the fast-growing mountain states, strengthen our civil engineering capabilities, broaden our transportation engineering and environmental services business, and add structural engineering and water rights practices. Together, DOWL and HKM offer significant expertise to the western states markets."

DOWL is an Alaska Native owned company (NANA Development Corporation owns 51% of DOWL) and serves a wide range of clients, including private developers and land owners; federal, state and local governments; and architects, construction contractors and other engineering firms.

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