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TKDA Acquires ECMC in Tampa, Fla., to Expand Aviation Division and Fueling Services Capabilities

August 6, 2008, ST. PAUL, MN — TKDA, an engineering, architecture, and planning firm, is pleased to announce the acquisition of ECMC Services, Inc. in Tampa, Fla., an aviation fueling system design firm. The acquisition, effective on Aug. 3, will expand TKDA's services for aviation and other fuel-dependent clients. TKDA has collaborated with ECMC on numerous aviation fueling projects for over a decade.

ECMC staff and founders Frank Prieto and Bruce Kelley will remain in Tampa and join TKDA's Aviation Division. Their combined 50-plus years of fueling industry experience has helped ECMC successfully accomplish more than 150 engineering design and construction projects in aviation fueling, including receipt, storage and distribution, over the past five years. The firm's relationships and experience with various permitting agencies along with mechanical engineering, controls, construction, project management, technical and administrative talent will support TKDA's aviation clients.

"We can now offer clients a broader range of capabilities from a single source with the addition of ECMC's fueling services expertise combined with TKDA's full service engineering and architecture. Expanding our presence in the Southeast through the Tampa office also improves accessibility to our clients," noted Bill Deitner, TKDA's CEO. "The success of our business is all about being available to our clients with the right talent at the right time."

With nearly a century of reliable engineering and design services to clients in aviation, rail, surface transportation, municipal, industrial, education and sports and recreation, TKDA has developed long-term relationships with many Fortune 500 companies and public agencies. Teams from both firms have worked together on numerous projects for the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, and at Denver and Logan International Airports.

"Frank and I have been impressed with TKDA's staff and business operations as we have worked together over the years," said Bruce Kelley. "We are confident that this transaction will be a solid fit for both our clients and our employees."

TKDA is ranked #368 among the Top 500 Design Firms by *Engineering News-Record* (ENR) — a well-respected industry medium — and received a #8 ranking among *Twin Cities Business Journal's* Top 25 Engineering Firms. TKDA is a 220-person, 100% employee-owned, engineering, architecture, and planning firm headquartered in Saint Paul, Minn., since 1910. In addition to offices in Minnesota, the firm also has branch offices in Illinois, Kansas, California and now, Florida.