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AE Engineering Acquires VRUM Planning to Focus on Transforming Communities through Transportation

Jacksonville, FL, February 3, 2021 AE Engineering, Inc. (AE) is pleased to announce the acquisition of VRUM Planning (VRUM). Understanding the recent shift and necessity of public projects to incorporate fresh strategic planning ideas and robust public communication, AE has expanded its 128-employee strong, Jacksonville, Florida based engineering firm to provide planning services.

AE purchased VRUM in the winter of 2020 and intends to take the thoughtful strategies and successful outcomes achieved by VRUM across Florida, Georgia and beyond to help communities navigate the new environment. AE's Planning Department will focus on transportation planning, mobility, access, project management, communications and funding.

"AE has been looking for the right partner to help expand our services. We were thrilled to meet Heather and knew she was the right fit", stated Rod Myrick, PE, President and owner of AE. "When we expand the AE family, much thought is placed into how services can be enhanced, and how our clients as well as employees are positively impacted. We realize cultural fit, congruency and well-thought-out planning and strategy is what shapes the future of our company. When people work together and fit together, a positive and collaborative environment is created", added Cory Nichols, PE, Senior Vice President and owner of AE. "We felt that with VRUM and are excited to complement our existing CEI, Civil Engineering and Construction Management services with our new Planning Department which will be led by Heather".

Heather Neville, AICP, owner and founder of VRUM, has spent the last decade becoming both a professional and advocate for community planning, maximizing the transportation system as a path to success. "Born and raised in North East Florida, I've committed my personal and professional life to helping community leaders in the public and private sectors". With the new AE Planning Department in place, the objectives include visioning, corridor planning, communication and funding strategies. Heather is recognized in Florida as committed to safe interconnectivity for mobility solutions including bicycles, micro-mobility and shared solutions, a key element to address existing issues and new concerns due to the COVID crisis.

About AE Engineering, Inc.

AE Engineering, Inc. (AE) is a client-focused Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) engineering firm established in 2006, and provides professional services to governmental agencies including State, County and City, as well as private sector clients. Headquartered in Jacksonville, FL, AE's core capabilities include Construction Engineering & Inspection (CEI), Civil Engineering, Construction Management, Laboratory & Materials Testing, Contractor Quality Control (CQC), Asset & Infrastructure Maintenance, Building Inspection and Planning services.

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