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## Ayres Associates

President Patrick Quinn has announced that **Thomas Pulse** and **Jan Zander** were named executive vice presidents at Ayres Associates. They join Quinn and executive vice president David Frick to form the engineering/architectural consulting firm's executive committee. Ayres Associates' board of directors approved the selections, and the new executives will assume their duties Jan. 1.

Pulse joined Ayres Associates in 1993 and has more than 23 years of engineering experience. Most recently he served as vice president and manager of engineering services in Eau Claire and has served as engineer for several municipalities in northern Wisconsin.

Pulse holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a graduate of the Ayres Management Development Program and is a stockholder in the firm. He is a member and board member of the Wisconsin chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies and is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers and the Wisconsin chapter of the American Water Works Association. He also chairs the Public Affairs Committee of the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce. He holds professional registrations in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota.

Zander, who has 18 years of engineering experience, joined Ayres Associates in 1990 and most recently served the company as vice president responsible for developing the company's Phoenix office, which opened in 2005.

Previously he was vice president and manager for all transportation staff in the firm's Madison and Waukesha offices in southern Wisconsin.

Zander holds a bachelor's degree in civil and structural engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and is pursuing a master's of business administration degree. He is a graduate of the Ayres Management Development Program and is a stockholder in the firm. He is a member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Arizona, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. He holds professional registrations in Arizona and Wisconsin.

Ayres Associates is an architectural/engineering firm incorporated in 1959.

The firm has 17 offices in eight states.

## Barrientos Design

Barrientos Design announced the addition of two team members to its downtown Milwaukee office. Barrientos Design is an architectural/engineering firm located in the Old World Third Street district, providing architectural, engineering and consulting services.

**Ryan Thacker** joined the firm as a project architect with nine years of architectural experience on various project types including civic, education, higher education and corporate. Thacker will continue to serve as lead project architect on both large and small projects and also lead the construction administration for complex projects. Thacker is a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee SARUP graduate and is a registered architect in the state of Wisconsin.

**Sunny Shakula** joins the Barrientos team as the marketing/client relations contact. Shakula brings five years of marketing and administration experience in the architectural and engineering industry. She is responsible for development and production of marketing strategy and materials, strategic alliances and new markets development. Shakula has also developed and implemented a new brand identity for the firm, including a new logo and Web site. She has bachelor's degrees in both English and journalism from the University of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee and informal training in design.

## Eppstein Uhen Architects

Three more key members of the Eppstein Uhen Architects team recently passed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design professional accreditation examination to become LEED accredited professionals, bringing EUA's total number of LEED accredited professionals to eight.

The new LEED APs are: **Steve Holzauer**, managing principal of EUA's Madison office; **Mark M. Smith**, an EUA project manager from Madison; and **Sandy Weber**, a principal in EUA's Milwaukee office from Cedarburg.

LEED professional accreditation distinguishes building professionals who have the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the integrated design and LEED certification process. They have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green-building practices and principles, and they are familiar with LEED requirements, resources and processes. Sustainable design is one of EUA's core values. The firm constantly strives to encourage and educate clients and staff to consider design and construction strategies that use natural resources in prudent and environmentally wise ways. All of EUA's current projects have some consideration of sustainable practices and materials.

## Milwaukee Downtown Business Improvement District

At the 2007 International Downtown Association's 53rd Annual Conference & World Congress in New York, Milwaukee Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) #21 received an Outstanding Achievement Award in Special Events and Promotions for Downtown Employee Appreciation Week. Milwaukee Downtown BID #21 was the only organization honored in this esteemed category. The most recent previous conferring of the award was in 2004 to the Bryant Park Reading Room for an outstanding public space.

For the 22nd year, the International Downtown Association has honored exemplary projects in the field of downtown revitalization. A winning entry receives the "stamp of approval" from the IDA, considered the world leader in downtown revitalization. The IDA Downtown Achievement Awards recognize the best that downtown revitalization and management have to offer.

Other awards were given to projects and programs in: Wilmington, N.C.; New Orleans; Cleveland; Long Beach, Calif.; Washington, D.C.; Los Angeles; New York; Dayton, Ohio; Sacramento, Calif.; Greensboro, N.C.; Gosnells, Western Australia; Mesa, Ariz.; and Oklahoma City. The International Downtown Association recognized four people for their commitment, dedication and generosity to downtown revitalization.

**Neil Fraser**, partner, Neil Fraser and Associates, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and **David Lewis**, founding partner, Urban Design Associates, received the President's Award

**Derek Bock**, head of operations, Eurocape (sponsored by HOK Sport Venue Event) and Ronald J. Norick, former mayor of Oklahoma City (sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association) were both recognized with the Individual Achievement Awards for their tireless work in promoting downtown revitalization.

Winners were honored at the IDA Downtown Achievement Awards Ceremony on Sept. 17.

Begun by Milwaukee Downtown BID #21 in 2006 as a business retention and recruitment initiative, Downtown Employee Appreciation Week mirrors a spirit week with special events,

office challenge games, musical competitions and discounts at local businesses to rally downtown Milwaukee's 78,000 employees. Downtown Employee Appreciation Week not only rewards the lead contributors in the local economy but also elevates downtown Milwaukee's image as a great place to conduct business.

## Miron Construction Co. Inc.

Miron Construction Co. Inc. recently announced the promotion of **Guy M. Kiser** to vice president of industrial operations (Northern Region). In his new position, Kiser will oversee all industrial projects managed from the Wausau office. He will also be responsible for business development in the industrial sector throughout the region.

Kiser has more than eight years of project management experience with Miron. He is a graduate of Michigan Technological University and holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

**James W. Kraeger** will use his 29 years of Miron experience in his new role as an estimator. Before taking over his new position, he assisted clients through the design and construction process. As an estimator, Kraeger will study proposals and specifications; analyze labor, materials and time requirements; and assemble bid documents for submission.

**Cheryl M. Anderson**, an employee of Miron for more than four years, was promoted to estimating coordinator. In her new role, Anderson will assist estimators with documentation and phone communication related to bid submissions.

Miron Construction Co. Inc. is headquartered in Neenah with regional offices in Madison, Wausau and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## STS Consultants

STS is pleased to announce that **Peter Harris** has been promoted to associate with the firm. Harris, who works out of the Green Bay office, serves as a business development manager focusing on the firm's water-resource practice.

As a senior level staff member with more than 30 years progressive experience in the public and private sectors, Harris has a strong background in project management, new business development, sales and marketing, strategic positioning and resource management. His experience includes client development, project management, and public participation and education.

Harris received his bachelor's degree in park-and-recreation administration from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. He is a member of the American Public Works Association and serves on the Wisconsin Chapter Executive Committee, the American Council of Engineering Companies, the Association of State Dam Safety Officials and the Hydro Users Group.

STS also promoted **Matthew D. Emrick** to senior project engineer

Emrick joined the firm in 2000. He obtained his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a registered professional engineer in Wisconsin and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Additionally, Emrick was one of only 19 participants to complete the Engineering Future Leaders program through the American Council of Engineering Companies. The program was designed to launch the industry's most promising up-and-coming professionals on a development track leading to successful general management, project management, and principal positions within Wisconsin firms.