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Reed Named President of GWWO, Inc./Architects; Hume and Lapointe Promoted to Associate Principals First Steps Taken in Planned Leadership Transition

(Baltimore, MD) – The Board of Directors at GWWO, Inc./Architects has named Alan E Reed, AIA, LEED AP president of the Baltimore-based architectural firm. Reed has worked for the firm since its inception in 1991 and serves as principal in charge of design.

Reed takes over the helm from founding principal Phillip W. Worrall, AIA, LEED AP, who continues with the firm as vice president and as chairman of the board. The two remaining founding principals, David G. Wright, AIA, LEED AP and Robert D. O'Hatnick, AIA, LEED AP, also continue as principals and board members.

"Alan has elevated GWWO's design reputation throughout the region, and has helped position us for further growth in our key institutional, educational, governmental and private sector markets," said Worrall. "Undoubtedly the firm is in good hands."

While at GWWO, Reed has established a strong design ethic, which has resulted in numerous design awards. He has also grown GWWO's cultural practice, positioning the firm as experts in the design of visitor centers and related facilities. Work in this area has included more than thirty projects in recent years throughout the United States. Current projects for which Reed is design principal include new visitor and exhibition facilities at George Washington's Mount Vernon in Mount Vernon, Virginia, the new Irvine Nature Center facilities to be constructed in Owings Mills, Maryland, and a new education center for the Russell W. Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge in Wilmington, Delaware. Reed is a graduate of Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana with a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

In related management changes, Paul L. Hume, AIA, LEED AP and Mark A. Lapointe, AIA, were named associate principals. Both Hume and Lapointe have worked at GWWO for over a decade.

Hume currently serves as project manager on the \$20-million renovation to Dunbar High School, which is being converted into a magnet school for the health professions, and the new visitor services building at the Hammerman Area of Gunpowder Falls State Park in Baltimore County. As one of the State of Maryland's two green design pilot projects, the latter project is registered with the US Green Building Council and will seek Silver LEED Certification. He has received design awards for the Everglades Visitor Center in Florida and a laboratory building at McDaniel. Hume received a Bachelor of Architecture from Syracuse University.

Lapointe currently is project manager on a new Heritage Center for the Homestead National Monument of America in Beatrice, Nebraska and on the \$15-million expansion and renovation of the Gibson Performing Art Center at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. He is the recipient of design awards for projects at Bowdoin College in Maine and at Harpers Ferry National Park in West Virginia. Lapointe also received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Syracuse University.

"The combination of this next-generation leadership team, with the continued active participation of the founding principals for the foreseeable future," says Reed, "provides GWWO with a solid foundation for further growth."

GWWO, Inc./Architects is a full service architectural firm that specializes in the planning and design of cultural and educational facilities, with emphasis on quality design that is both inspirational and evocative. Current projects include a new Nature Center for Killens Pond State Park in Felton, Delaware, the adaptive reuse of an historic bank complex to house new facilities for the Fredericksburg Area Museum & Cultural Center in Fredericksburg, VA, and a new visitor facility for Petersburg National Battlefield in Virginia. The firm celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2006.

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