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Set forth below is a press release for the acquisition of EEA, Inc. by GEI Consultants, Inc. George Christodoulo and Caroline O'Connell of Lawson & Weitzen, LLP represented GEI Consultants, Inc. in the negotiation, documentation and closing of this transaction and related matters.



## **GEI Consultants, Inc. Acquires EEA, Inc.**

**BOSTON, Mass. - April 3, 2012** - GEI Consultants, Inc., one of the nation's leading geotechnical, environmental, water resources, and ecological science and engineering firms, announced today that it has acquired EEA, Inc. based in Garden City and Stony Brook, New York.

EEA has completed more than 6,000 projects primarily on Long Island, in the New York City metropolitan area and greater New York State. EEA's core services include natural resource and marine studies, real estate property due diligence, environmental modeling and management, and environmental and ecological services supporting energy generation, including shale gas and wind farm development.

"Over the past 33 years, EEA has established a reputation for being responsive to the specific needs and concerns of its clients, and for providing cost-effective solutions for environmental conditions," said Leland M. Hairr, PhD, co-founder and president of EEA. "We have worked with GEI on projects and have been impressed with GEI's national reputation for technical excellence. We are excited to become part of GEI's organization

and culture. I am certain that joining GEI enhances our ability to service our many long-time EEA clients. At the same time, EEA's skills and experience add further strength and depth to GEI's environmental and ecological services supporting its many government, energy, and commercial clients."

"EEA is a highly regarded, accomplished technical firm with a culture quite similar to GEI's, and we are thrilled that EEA has chosen to join us" said Francis D. Leathers, P.E., president of GEI. "Both firms' core missions have always been the same: to provide professional services of exceptional value to our clients. EEA's expertise strengthens many of our offerings not only to clients on Long Island and in metropolitan New York, but also across the United States."

"EEA enhances GEI's environmental and ecological services," said Errol Kitt, GEI vice president and Long Island area manager, based in GEI's Huntington Station office. "We respect and admire their people and technical expertise. This is a very good match for GEI and EEA, as well as for our clients in New York and around the country."

EEA was founded in 1979 by Leland M. Hairr, Ph.D.; Roy R. Stoecker, Ph.D.; and Allen Serper, P.E. Other senior EEA staff joining GEI from EEA include Nicholas J. Recchia, LPG, Richard Fasciani, and Laura Schwanof, RLA.

The transaction officially closed on March 31.

#### **About GEI Consultants, Inc.**

GEI's multi-disciplined team of engineers and scientists deliver integrated geotechnical, environmental, water resources and ecological solutions to diverse clientele nationwide. The firm has provided a broad range of consulting and engineering services on over 35,000 projects in 50 states and 22 countries. For more information, please visit the firm's web site at [www.geiconsultants.com](http://www.geiconsultants.com).

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