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LEE/SHOEMAKER TEAM COUNSELS AXO ARCHITECTS IN TRANSACTION WITH HKS, INC.

HKS Inc., a global design firm, has acquired Virginia-based AXO Architects, expanding its mission critical practice and establishing its footprint in “data center alley,” a region of Virginia that has the highest concentration of data centers in the world.

For decades, AXO has provided quality services to clients seeking energy efficient solutions to complex technological and operational demands. David Sassano, former owner of AXO and now Regional Practice Leader, Mission Critical at HKS, understands the vital role the built environment plays in advancing the technological era we find ourselves in. Recognizing the increased need for data management as energy efficiency continues to grow in importance, Sassano says data center design is “at the cusp of some really phenomenal innovation over the next few years.”

Together, HKS and AXO plan to create transformative spaces for pioneers in hospitality, sports, health care, and other markets experiencing technology-backed revolution and growth. Kirk Teske, HKS Partner and Global Sector Director, Place, who oversees the firm’s Mission Critical practice, sees value beyond leading the design of data centers and believes the firm’s mission critical practice plays a vital role in providing technology-based solutions across all HKS market sectors. This partnership reflects the combination of two ever-evolving fields, design and technology, which together will contribute to global advancements in virtually every industry.

Lee/Shoemaker PLLC counseled AXO Architects through the transaction. The Lee/Shoemaker team was led by Taylor T. Dolan and Curtis A. Orshoski. Lee/Shoemaker PLLC is dedicated to representing buyer and seller firms in the architecture and engineering industry in merger and acquisition transactions as well as internal ownership transitions.