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DeSimone Consulting Engineering Acquires Leading Vertical Transportation Company

Addition of KP Elevator Consulting will expand the company's array of in-house, specialized services

NEW YORK, NY, April 2, 2025 — DeSimone Consulting Engineering has acquired KP Elevator Consulting, part of an ongoing strategy to curate and broaden its multi-service platform with specialized expertise to benefit clients worldwide.

The acquisition of the San Francisco-based consultancy will enable DeSimone to offer a full range of vertical transportation consulting services. From due diligence and concept development through final construction of vertical transportation solutions for new, renovated, and converted buildings, the merger will enhance and complement DeSimone's extensive engineering and consulting capabilities.

"The exceptional quality of work and professionalism we've experienced in our past collaborations with KP Elevator Consulting has truly impressed us," said Stephen V. DeSimone, PE, Chairman and CEO of DeSimone Consulting Engineering. "KP's high level of skill and expertise aligns closely with DeSimone's commitment to providing our clients with superior quality and service. Bringing this recognized leader in vertical transportation in-house enables us to offer an important new service in response to our clients' needs."

Under the leadership of founder Kelly Houlihan, QEI, a 37-year industry veteran, KP Elevator Consulting brings to DeSimone an impressive track record in delivering complex vertical transportation projects. The consultancy has served as a trusted partner to such industry leaders as The Space Needle in Seattle, Greystar, Hines, Tishman Speyer, the Federal Reserve, and The Orden Company. Going forward, KP will operate under the DeSimone banner, merging with the company's existing San Francisco office.

Houlihan will lead DeSimone's new Vertical Transportation team as a firm Principal. He reflected on the merger with DeSimone, saying, "Having collaborated with property managers, owners, architects, developers, and elevator contractors to successfully complete hundreds of complex vertical engineering projects, we're excited to bring our experience in innovative vertical transportation solutions to DeSimone, and look forward to collaborating on groundbreaking projects with the global DeSimone team."

DeSimone's acquisition of KP Elevator Consulting is the latest in a series of strategic moves by the global engineering services company aimed at expanding the firm's capabilities and resources while offering local experience and presence. Since 2020, DeSimone has grown its total workforce to nearly 700, adding new offices in the US, Canada, and the UK.

DeSimone prioritizes building long-term client partnerships, while elevating the company's capacity to provide innovative, resilient, and sustainable engineering solutions. The company's service offering now includes façade consulting, vertical transportation, wind engineering and vibration mitigation, seismic engineering, risk management, dispute resolution, and a variety of other services.

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About DeSimone Consulting Engineering: Founded in New York City in 1969, DeSimone provides [structural engineering](#), [façade design consulting](#), [integrated design and project delivery](#), and [construction consulting services](#), across building types. Known for delivering thoughtful, innovative, and sustainable solutions to clients around the world, the firm places a premium on providing trusted, dedicated service from offices in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, South America, and the Middle East. DeSimone has been named a Top Workplace by *USA Today* for two years in a row, a 2024 South Florida Top Workplace by the *Sun Sentinel*, and a 2024 New York City Top Workplace by *Crain's NY* (www.de-simone.com).