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## Design Group Expands in Pacific Northwest with Acquisition of PMA Engineering

ST. LOUIS, MO — March 2, 2016 - Barry-Wehmiller Design Group announced today that it is expanding its presence in the Pacific Northwest with the acquisition of PMA Engineering (also known as Parker, Messana, & Associates, Inc.). PMA Engineering is based in the Seattle, WA area, and employs 25 Engineers, Designers, and Project Managers. The firm provides full service, multi-disciplined engineering and technology services for the industrial community including Primary Metals, Oil & Gas, Chemical, Pulp & Paper, Food, and other markets.

“PMA Engineering has established an outstanding legacy of service and technology for their clients, and we are thrilled to embrace the 25 year history of PMA into our firm,” stated Joseph Wilhelm, Design Group Managing Partner. “PMA founder Tom Messana is joining the Design Group leadership team as a Partner, and in this capacity he will continue to lead the operation. We are thrilled that Tom and the entire PMA staff have made this transition into our firm.”

“Our merger into Design Group will expand the breadth and depth of our capabilities, providing additional critical mass to serve our clients,” stated Tom Messana. “With offices in Portland, Seattle, and Kennewick, Design Group now has 60 talented technical professionals based in the Pacific Northwest, and 300 professionals in the Western region.”

“Design Group has steadily expanded its regional presence across the U.S. over the past decade,” stated Wilhelm. “We are committed to maintaining an office footprint that ensures exceptional resource availability for our clients, and allows us to recruit the most talented consulting professionals in the industry.”

### ABOUT DESIGN GROUP

Barry-Wehmiller Design Group operates from over 35 offices across the U.S. and Puerto Rico providing engineering and technology services to the world’s leading companies through the efforts of over 1000 engineering and technical specialists. Design Group professionals have direct industry experience with industrial automation, process engineering, regulatory compliance and systems integration. Design Group also provides professional engineering, architectural and construction management services through our wholly owned and professionally licensed subsidiary, Design Group Facility Solutions, Inc.

### ABOUT BARRY-WEHMILLER

Barry-Wehmiller is a diversified global supplier of engineering consulting and manufacturing technology for the packaging, corrugating, sheeting and paper converting industries. By blending people-centric leadership with disciplined operational strategies and purpose-driven growth, Barry-Wehmiller has become a \$2.4 billion organization with 11,000-plus team members united by a common belief: to use the power of business to build a better world. To see how, go to [barry-wehmiller.com](http://barry-wehmiller.com).