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Floan-Sanders, Inc. Announces Name Change

East Grand Forks, MN . . . Floan-Sanders, Inc., a land surveying and civil engineering firm in East Grand Forks, Minnesota is changing its name to FS Engineering in 2010.

“We wanted to update our name and logo, but still honor our founding and former partners,” explained company president Greg Boppre. “This change reflects a new era for our company, while maintaining some aspects of our previous identity.”

Don Floan was a young engineer when he opened Donald L. Floan, Consulting Engineer above Red River Motors along 4th Street in East Grand Forks in 1956. The company’s first major project was to design the East Grand Forks sewage disposal system, complete with lagoons and pumping stations. Floan and his staff gradually expanded to serve numerous other communities, townships, and clients in northwestern Minnesota.

In 1972, employee Gary Sanders was made a partner and the company name was changed to Floan-Sanders, Inc. The firm became especially skilled at securing Small Cities Grants for communities in northwestern Minnesota and handled an estimated \$25 million in these types of projects since the program’s inception, including the \$7.5 million Warroad airport expansion.

The 1997 Red River Flood, which devastated the cities of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks and forced the evacuation of both communities, was one of the most significant events in the company’s history. As East Grand Forks’ City Engineer, Floan-Sanders staff was extensively involved in the community’s immediate disaster recovery and long-term rebirth. Most significant was the \$410 million US Army Corps of Engineers flood protection project, which began in 1997 and was completed on schedule 10 years later.

In 2003, long-time employees Greg Boppre and Brad Bail became President and Vice-President of the company, after the retirement of Gary Sanders and Dean Wieland. They currently own and operate the company, which is considered a “small business enterprise” as defined by the federal government.

Currently, FS Engineering serves as the City Engineer for 11 communities in the region, including East Grand Forks, Greenbush, Warren, and Warroad, Minnesota. Their office is located at 1600 Central Avenue NE, along Highway 220, in East Grand Forks.