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## **HALL & FOREMAN, INC. COMBINES WITH VVCE, INC.**

IRVINE, Calif. July 25, 2006 — Hall & Foreman, Inc. (HFI), an engineering, surveying, planning, and landscape architecture firm, has combined forces with VVCE, Inc. (VVCE) of Victorville, Calif., a civil and traffic engineering and survey firm. The addition of VVCE expands HFI's professional service base and geographical coverage into the Victor Valley area of Southern California.

John Hogan, P.E., HFI's chief executive officer and principal noted, "We are pleased to join with VVCE. During VVCE's 13 years of operation, they have had a prominent role in the growth and development of the Victor Valley and have earned a reputation for proactive client service. HFI has a strong presence in the high desert so joining forces is a natural tie. It increases the depth of services we can offer the clients of both firms."

Ronald Kabalin, P.L.S., President of VVCE agreed, "We are looking forward to becoming part of the HFI family. The opportunity to join with a multi-location firm of HFI's stature increases the support we can provide our clients."

VVCE will become part of HFI and maintain its present location in Victorville. Mr. Kabalin will become a division president with HFI and continue to provide leadership and technical direction for the Victorville office. Projected revenue for the combined firm is expected to approach \$45 million over the next year. This business combination will bring HFI's total workforce to more than 250 employees. In addition to the newly acquired Victorville office, HFI has offices in Irvine, Rancho Cucamonga, Temecula, and Woodland Hills.

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Founded in 1961, HFI is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For two consecutive years HFI has been nationally ranked by *CE News* as a top five Best Civil Engineering Firms to Work For. The firm is listed by industry authority Zweig White as one of the fastest growing architecture/engineering/planning and environmental consulting firms in the nation. HFI specializes in engineering, land planning/development, land surveying, entitlement coordination, infrastructure funding, investigative engineering, municipal/public works, surveying and mapping, and landscape architecture services.

VVCE was founded in Victorville, Calif., in 1993. Also known as Victor Valley Consulting Engineers, the firm provides civil and traffic engineering and surveying services to public and private sector clients.

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