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What's New?

St. Cloud Selects Architects for the new Police Headquarters Project

Minneapolis, Minnesota — April 10, 2007 —BKV Group and GLTArchitects have been awarded the City of St. Cloud's new Police Headquarters project. BKV Group, a Minneapolis based architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, engineering, and construction administration firm was selected as the Design Architect and Engineers of Record and GLTArchitects, a St. Cloud based architectural firm with extensive experience throughout Minnesota, will be the Architect of Record.

St. Cloud has been working with inadequate space for its Police Department and in 2003, the City embarked on a process to select a site for new Police Headquarters, define project scope and budget, and develop a pre-design. Several studies were conducted to determine the city's future growth and related police facility needs. The City Council analyzed five possible sites; the land west of the downtown area was selected with the intent of building a new 86,747 sf Police Headquarters. The citizens of St. Cloud approved funding for the construction of a new St. Cloud Police Station during the November 2006 referendum.

The new main Police Headquarters building will house police administration, investigations, patrol, training, and squad car parking. The proposed construction project would satisfy the 14 year space needs of the Police Department. Furthermore, additional land exists adjacent to the station site allowing for facility expansion beyond the initial construction project. Construction of the Police Headquarters and related parking facilities will begin in 2008. The police will occupy their new facility in January 2009.

BKV Group and GLTArchitects offer the city of St. Cloud and the Police Department a combined experience and expertise. BKV Group has worked with clients on 46 police/city hall projects and 22 programming and master planning projects throughout the Midwest and Eastern United States. BKV Group works with government clients to design architecture based on their business needs such as improving operational efficiencies and enhancing productivity in tandem with addressing concerns of the public and the obligations of justice. GLT Architects has significant experience working with municipal



and county governmental agencies and brings a local perspective and understanding of the fabric of the St. Cloud community and of the downtown area.

04/10/07

KDV Earns Chairman's Award of Excellence from United Way of Central Minnesota

St. Cloud, MN, April 5, 2007: KDV was honored to win the Chairman's Award of Excellence from United Way of Central Minnesota, for companies nominated with less than 99 employees. The award recognizes a company and employees who think creatively and strive for excellence for a successful workplace campaign.

According to the United Way, KDV saw an increase of 31% in total contributions by its employees over the previous year. In addition, KDV's participation rate increased from 92% to 99%. "Our committee did an outstanding job in helping their fellow employees understand how the United Way of Central Minnesota supports others within our community," says Loren Viere, Managing Partner of KDV.

Companies that are nominated for this prestigious award strive for a successful workplace campaign and are also involved with the United Way year-round. Through volunteering on United Way or other non-profit committees and participating in community events, these companies set an example of excellence with their actions. "We encourage our employees to be involved in some way with professional and civic volunteering," says Viere. "It's a way for us to better our community in which we work and live."

Through the generosity of many individuals and companies within Central Minnesota, the United Way announced contributions totalling \$4,306,523.

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About KDV

Founded in 1945 as a CPA firm, KDV has built on its heritage of sound, strategic advice over the years. Today, we offer a full range of business and financial services to help clients increase their efficiency and financial performance. Our areas of expertise include Certified Public Accountants, Wealth Management, Organization Development, Strategic Consulting and Technology Services.

04/09/07

STEARNS HISTORY MUSEUM APPOINTS KRISTER JOHNSON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 26, 2007 — St. Cloud, MN — At its March board meeting the Stearns History Museum Board of Directors appointed Krister Johnson to a vacant position on the Museum Board. Johnson is a St. Cloud attorney in private practice. He

is a graduate of St. Cloud Tech High School, Gustavus Adolphus College, and the University of Minnesota Law School, with an emphasis of study in civil trial work. Johnson will represent Stearns History Museum's membership and serve the remainder of a three-year term.

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