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Urban Design Group Names New Shareholder

Dallas (TX), June 1, 2009 – Urban Design Group has announced Ken Rhyne, Allied AIA, AICAE as its newest shareholder and principal. According to founder John Novack, FAIA, UDG's search for a nationally recognized designer focused on Rhyne after working together on resort projects in the Midwest.

Based in Atlanta, Rhyne has over 34 years of experience in conceptual architectural and interior design projects. His national portfolio includes the Museum of the Seven Feathers in South Carolina, Weedon Island Preserve Educational Center in Florida, Red Hawk Casino in California and the award-winning National Museum of the American Indian, Cultural Resources Center for the Smithsonian Institution and Kampen Eagle Wing Center in Indiana.

Rhyne, a Tuscarora Indian, is a member of the American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers. An accomplished blues singer and harmonica player, the Ken Rhyne Band was a Nammy (Native American Music Awards) nominee for Best Blues Album of the Year. Rhyne is a member of the Pfeiffer University Baseball Hall of Fame and was a minor league player for the Washington Senators and Texas Rangers.

"Ken is a perfect fit for UDG," says Novack. "His creativity, collaborative approach and emphasis on sustainable design will make him an invaluable member of our principal team." Rhyne joins four existing principals: John M. Novack, Jr, FAIA; Ronald D. Armstrong, AIA; Donald C. Buenger, AIA; and Raymond R. Kahl, AIA.

Urban Design Group offers architectural, interior, planning and urban design services to its worldwide clientele from studios in Atlanta, Georgia, and Dallas, Texas. UDG's personnel work on a wide range of projects from hospitality and gaming to corporate and mixed-use. For more information, please visit www.urbandesigngroup.com.

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