



Engineering and environmental firm S&ME expands via assets purchase of QORE, Inc.

Raleigh, NC—Two long-practicing engineering and environmental firms, mainly serving the Southeast, have joined forces through the acquisition of Atlanta-based QORE, Inc. by S&ME, Inc., headquartered in Raleigh.

The acquisition, effective March 1, results from S&ME's purchase of the assets of QORE, Inc.

About 260 former QORE employees joined S&ME, increasing the company's employment to about 1,000. This staff will work from 28 offices in North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Though concentrating heavily in the Southeast, S&ME has completed projects throughout much of the U.S. and in the Caribbean. The combination of the firms will position S&ME as one of the top providers of its services in the Southeast.

Announcement of the acquisition was made in Raleigh by S&ME President Randy Neuhaus, PE. "Critical to our decisions to join forces was seeing the parallel emphasis our firms have placed on safety, engineering integrity, and the responsibility for providing clients with the depth and quality of service they require," Neuhaus said. "Of course it's a major expansion for S&ME, and increases our powerhouse lineup of respected professionals to take on today's emerging engineering and environmental sustainability challenges."

Neuhaus noted that a major part of S&ME's business approach has been a carefully studied growth strategy. In the past decade S&ME has acquired five companies, but this will be its largest by far.

QORE began in 1969 as Atlanta Testing and Engineering. The name QORE was adopted in 1998.

S&ME was founded in Raleigh in 1973. Its major service lines include geotechnical engineering; construction materials engineering and testing; environmental services, occupational health and safety; water resources and solid waste engineering; and natural and cultural resources.

Markets served include power, transportation, industrial, federal and military, solid waste, ports and terminals, healthcare, transportation, education, and petroleum retailing.

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