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**HGA ACQUIRES WISNEWSKI BLAIR & ASSOCIATES
OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WILL STRENGTHEN FIRM'S GROWING WORK ON EAST COAST

Minneapolis, Minnesota—January 4, 2011—HGA Architects and Engineers has acquired Wisnewski Blair & Associates, Ltd (WBA), a leading architecture, interior design and planning firm in Alexandria, Virginia. The acquisition strengthens HGA's growing federal and healthcare work on the East Coast.

"This is an exciting opportunity for both HGA and WBA," said Stephen Fiskum, AIA, Chief Operating Officer of HGA. "WBA is an outstanding design firm that shares HGA's core values for client service, sustainable design, collaboration, and design excellence. WBA has a strong client base in the commercial, federal and public sectors, which will prove mutually beneficial as we expand our design and planning services in public and healthcare work. We are excited to welcome WBA to our team."

Established by Joseph J. Wisnewski, FAIA, PE, and Luther C. Blair, Jr., AIA, in 1976, the 65-person WBA provides planning, architecture, interior design and sustainable design services for a growing client base in the Washington, D.C. area. While Mr. Wisnewski will be retiring, Mr. Blair will remain with the firm as a principal and lead architectural designer

Among the firm's notable work are the Washington Headquarters Services for the Department of Defense in Alexandria, Virginia; the Northern Virginia Resident Agency for the FBI Field Office in Manassas, Virginia; several ongoing planning and design projects for George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia; and the Virginia Department of Transportation Administration Building and Virginia State Police Division 7 Headquarters in Fairfax County.

WBA's work complements HGA's portfolio in healthcare, higher education, corporate/public, science and technology, and energy infrastructure. Among HGA's recent East Coast work are the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; Virtua Health Replacement Hospital in Voorhees Township, New Jersey; Butler Health System Bed Tower expansion in Butler, Pennsylvania; and Owensboro Medical Health Center in Owensboro, Kentucky.

“As an integrated architecture, engineering and planning firm with a national client base, HGA provides multidisciplinary expertise that complements WBA’s strengths,” said J. Patrick Halpin, AIA, managing principal. “Architecture today requires a greater level of expertise, research and multidisciplinary cooperation as public and commercial work becomes more complex in terms of security, sustainability, and cost efficiency. We are excited to join HGA in this partnership that values collaboration to better meet our clients’ needs.”

The acquisition is effective January 1, 2011. WBA will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of HGA as Wisnewski Blair & Associates, Ltd.

ABOUT HGA

HGA is an integrated architecture, engineering and planning firm that helps prepare its clients for the future. With offices in Minneapolis and Rochester, Minnesota; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, California, the nationally recognized firm has developed expertise in the healthcare, corporate, arts, community, higher education, and science/technology industries since 1953. HGA’s culture for interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge sharing and design investigation enables its clients to achieve success with responsive, innovative and sustainable design. Visit www.HGA.com.

ABOUT WBA

Wisnewski Blair & Associates, Ltd (WBA) is a design firm of 65 professionals with expertise in providing fully integrated architecture, interior design, planning, and sustainable design. Since the formation of WBA in 1976, the firm has provided professional services on a wide range of facilities for a broad and diverse client base in both the public and private sectors. By offering a comprehensive menu of services, our portfolio demonstrates conceptual and aesthetic variety, with each project crafted to fit client, context and environmental conditions. Visit www.wba-arch.com.