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**CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE & ENGINEERING, INC. JOINS REI ENGINEERS, INC.**

**Raleigh, NC:** REI Engineers, Inc. (REI) a leading building envelope consulting firm in the Southeast U.S., is pleased to announce the acquisition of Construction Science & Engineering, Inc. (CSE) of Westminster, South Carolina.

This strategic partnership will join two firms that share common philosophies for providing building envelope engineering and consulting services, allowing REI to expand service offerings (to include forensic investigations, expert witness, litigation support, storm damage assessment,) without straying from core competencies.

“The integration of our firms will expand our geographic coverage and provide our clients additional service offerings from some of the brightest minds in our industry” says REI President Scott Hinesley. “CSE places great emphasis on exceptional service and ethical practices; this union allows us to combine strengths with a well-respected firm.”

CSE is a forensic engineering + architecture firm that investigates and provides remedial recommendations to insurance companies and law firms for building enclosures and structures, predominantly in the Southeast U.S. and Caribbean. The professional staff of CSE is comprised of licensed engineers and an architect that offer building-related consulting services that encompass roofing, building envelope, civil, structural, and deficient construction. Known for integrity, CSE’s investigations provide comprehensive insight to the nature and extent of the problem.

CSE will remain in operation under the same name in their Westminster office. Derek Hodgkin, Clemson resident and founder/President of CSE, will continue to provide leadership for the high-quality services their clients have relied on for 15 years.

“It is a win-win situation for both companies” says Hodgkin. “REI is a great company with a lot of resources that will help us grow into new market areas, and CSE is a niche forensic engineering/architecture firm that will expand the expertise and services offered under the REI brand.”

Derek Hodgkin founded CSE in 2003, where the team of ten (10) professionals specialize in forensics for building envelopes and structures. The company began with a focus toward existing building envelope (roof, walls, fenestration, etc.) systems, construction related issues, fire retardant treated wood degradation, and cost-effect remediation. Today, CSE continues to expand into product performance, life-safety, human factors, and structural investigation. Additional information on CSE can be found at <http://www.constructionscience.org> or by contacting Derek Hodgkin at 864.647.1065.

**About Us:** REI Engineers, Inc. provides engineering consulting services, specializing in the science of roofing, waterproofing, exterior wall science + pavement. An employee-owned company of 80+ employees, REI has served the Southeast since 1997. With seven (7) offices located in the Carolinas, Tampa, FL + Virginia Beach, VA. REI Engineers: engineering solutions for tomorrow™.  
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