



## **H2M acquires Ehasz Giacalone Architects, PC**

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Shown above (from left) are: Louis Giacalone, R.A., Rich Humann, P.E., Russell Ehasz, R.A.

Melville, NY H2M architects + engineers (H2M) a full service multi-disciplined professional consulting and design firm crossing fields of architecture and engineering, has acquired Ehasz Giacalone Architects PC (EGA) a full service architectural firm.

“When exploring the option of partnering with EGA, our excitement at the prospect was driven not only by our long history of working together and culture alignment but how EGA would further diversify and differentiate us in the real estate market,” said H2M senior vice president Steve Hyman.

“In addition to good people, and quality architects, we acquired a diversified portfolio furthering our market reach and additional leadership in our fast growing firm,” said H2M sr. vice president Joe Mottola.

EGA was founded in 1980 by principals Russell Ehasz, R.A. and Louis Giacalone, R.A., made up of an interdisciplinary group of licensed architects, interior designers, planners, estimators, contract administration and construction management supervisory personnel with extensive experience in their respective fields. All whom have joined the H2M architects + engineer family.

Having worked with the partners of H2M since 1993, Giacalone expressed that he is “extremely excited to become part of a growing architectural and engineering firm.” He said, “We’re excited at the prospect of becoming part of the H2M family. Excited for the future growth for our clients and staff.”

With transition top of mind, thinking outside of the box and extremely thoughtful of their clients and staff, Ehasz and Giacalone wanted to offer opportunities for their staff and clients to continue the project legacies, maintaining the standard of high level of quality client personal service and in a similar culture. When they were approached by H2M, Giacalone and Ehasz were impressed with the H2M body of work and the perfect fit to continue and expand the work they had started. When their clients, consultants and former clients were told of the joining with H2M it was positively received across the board.

“We were able to carry the practice forward to a point where the largest architectural and engineering firm on Long Island recognized the value in EGA.” said Russell Ehasz, RA. What was

further appealing to EGA was the H2M 'studio concept' developed over the years which focuses smaller groups of architects managed by a senior decision maker. "This practical concept enables us to continue the personal service – personal firm touch that our clients expect but with the enhanced resources and reach of H2M."

EGA has a long history of projects far ranging in size and concept from rehabilitation and renovation of existing facilities to new facilities design, development studies and master planning. Consulting and designing for Hospitals, Police Stations, Courthouses, Research facilities, Senior living, and residential projects. From Nassau Medical Center, Lincoln Hospital, Long Beach Nursing, Jefferson Ferries, Mill Creek, West Hempstead Station, Farmingdale Housing, Barnes and Nobles in Manhasset, Stony Brook Hospital, Stony Brook University, St. Charles Hospital, Mather Hospital, to Suffolk County Courthouse to the Queens Courthouse Renovations with extensive work experience with agencies such as the State University of New York, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Army Corps of Engineers, the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, the State of New York Office of Mental Health, United States Department of Defense and the United States Postal Service, as well as numerous municipal agencies. Some areas of specialty include LEED certified buildings, fire protection analysis, environmental assessment, solar energy application, computer energy management, contractor quality control, site survey, sub-surface soils investigation, CPM scheduling, barrier Free Design and CADD.

Since 1933, H2M has helped design and build many communities and has a long history of client service and consistent ability to meet tough architectural, engineering and environmental challenges head-on. H2M offers its clients the benefits of a full consulting network, keeping the clients' focus on their business while H2M coordinates the logistics involved in achieving a successful final product.

H2M prides itself on the breadth of its comprehensive in-house service capabilities it offers in the fields of architecture; interior design; sports development; plumbing, electrical, mechanical, HVAC and structural design and engineering; civil/site design and engineering; traffic engineering; roadway design and engineering; surveying; land use planning; environmental planning; GIS/mapping; CAD designers; hazardous material testing and abatement; sustainable "green" building; and system designs and construction administration/inspection services. H2M also has experts in water supply and treatment; wastewater management; environmental engineering, including site investigation and remediation, solid, industrial and hazardous waste management and air quality control.

H2M is ideally equipped to provide support on any project in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania with seven office locations in New York and New Jersey, serving the education, emergency services, energy, forensic, industry, municipal, public agency, real estate, wastewater and water markets.

Since the firm's early roots, its focus has remained steadfast: to provide quality service with sound judgment and to serve as an honest professional resource to its clients. H2M offers a practical approach, with creative results.