



## G.M. HIETPAS CPA, LLC and THE VANDERBLOEMEN GROUP LLC Announce their Merger

The Managing Member and staff at G.M HIETPAS CPA, LLC are pleased to announce a merger with THE VANDERBLOEMEN GROUP, a CPA and Business Advisory firm with specialization in the Construction Industry, located in Waukesha, WI, effective January 1, 2014. The three existing Hietpas offices' will operate under THE HIETPAS GROUP name and will remain at the current G.M. HIETPAS CPA, LLC firm locations in *Fond du Lac, Mayville and Juneau* WI. Founder Gilbert M. Hietpas of G.M. HIETPAS CPA, LLC will be joining partners Stephen C. VanderBloemen, Jonathan E. Hilgendorf, John P. VanderBloemen and Eric J. Carlson of The VanderBloemen Group. Stephen C. VanderBloemen will serve as the Managing Partner of the combined firms.

Hietpas and VanderBloemen said of the merger, "This is an excellent opportunity for The VanderBloemen Group to expand into new markets and merge with an established, premier accounting firm. Although Hietpas will focus on providing the same outstanding client service, The VanderBloemen Group's unique business model, with a Construction Industry focus/expertise, offers additional services to the Hietpas clients that were unavailable before the merger. In addition, we plan to expand the combined practices into the Fox River Valley."

The roots of G.M. Hietpas date back to 1976 when Gib Hietpas opened his doors for business in Fond du Lac, WI. He purchased another practice in Mayville, WI in 1984 and then established the Juneau office in 2006. Over the last 36 years, the firm has provided audit, review, compilation, tax consulting and business advisory services including significant individual and corporate tax preparation services.

The VanderBloemen Group was founded in 1989 by Stephen C. VanderBloemen and Denton Hammond with offices in Milwaukee and Atlanta. Prior to starting the firm, VanderBloemen, who was born and raised in Fond du Lac and a graduate of the St. Mary Springs, was a Partner at Deloitte & Touche (formerly Touche Ross & Co) and was in charge of the Milwaukee office Construction Practice. The firm's headquarters are located in a newly renovated facility in Historic downtown Waukesha, WI. The primary focus of the firm is serving privately-held general/prime and specialty contractors. Services provided include: attestation, tax return preparation; tax planning and consulting; sales and use tax compliance; business transition and continuity planning; business valuations; litigation support/expert witness testimony; construction project compliance; internal control review, evaluation and planning; forensic accounting; software selection and installation; and outside controller services etc. The firm serves clients in WI, IL, IA, TX and other states.

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