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### **LAN CELEBRATES 45 YEARS OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING INNOVATION**

#### ***Early Focus on Environmental Engineering has Positioned Firm to Capitalize on Emerging Green Economy***

Midland Park, N.J., March 8, 2010 – LAN Associates Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. (LAN), one of the largest full-service architectural and engineering firms in northern New Jersey, is celebrating 45 years of design and project excellence this year. Since its inception, the firm has grown to more than 70 employees and generated more than \$9 million of revenue in 2009 through architectural, engineering, environmental, and surveying services.

CEO Ronald Panicucci said “Forty-five years ago, LAN was started by John Lacz with a handful of individuals and a vision to create the most dynamic architectural and engineering firm possible. Through close relationships and dedication, we have grown to become one of the largest full-service architectural and engineering firms in northern New Jersey. Our success can be attributed to a philosophy that is not based on our wallets, but a commitment to doing the best work for our clients. That commitment is shared by every member of our firm, without whom we could not have achieved half our success, and is acknowledged by our clients. I am humbled to participate in the leadership of an organization that sets the standard for client service, professionalism and workplace satisfaction.”

LAN has engaged in thousands of projects in its history. Two are particularly noteworthy for their innovation, scale and technical challenge. The 96,000 square-foot Van Dyk Park Place Senior Living Facility, located in Hawthorne New Jersey, was completed in 2001. Situated on a hillside, the facility is unique in that each of the five levels has direct access to grade. This was a particularly important feature for residents whose mobility is limited. LAN also developed a non-intrusive exterior courtyard for memory impaired residents that is nestled into the hillside allowing the natural environment, not security walls, to enclose the space. Additionally, the new facility was designed to complement the century-old Vandenberg House that is utilized as administrative offices.

In 2005, construction was completed on LAN's design of the 71,000 square foot John Y. Dater School in Ramsey, New Jersey. The project was complicated, as the new 3-story school had a very compact footprint and the existing school on the same site needed to remain open during construction. Several architectural elements from the original 1912 building were emulated and incorporated into the new design including arched, coffered ceilings, masonry medallions, limestone accents and a historical mural of the original building. LAN's new design also maximized available green space and reduced impervious surface water run-off. During the design of the new school, LAN performed an environmental assessment to identify and reduce or eliminate any potentially adverse environmental impacts from construction of the new school. LAN also provided mechanical and HVAC system design and construction administration services for this project.

An early adopter of green design and construction, LAN has 24 LEED® Accredited Professionals through the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and offers a wide range of environmental services including water pollution control, indoor air quality (IAQ) sampling, underground and above-ground storage tank designs and removals, regulatory compliance assistance, occupational safety, asbestos surveys and abatement, groundwater monitoring, and solid waste management.

Throughout its 45 year history, LAN has been the recipient of more than twenty awards for its innovative architectural design, project management and business management. This year, LAN was awarded the prestigious ACEC New Jersey Distinguished Award for "Engineering Excellence" for the Asbury Tower in Asbury New Jersey. In 2008, LAN was awarded the Goshen Historical Achievement Award for the restoration of the Dupee & Monroe office building in Goshen, New York. From 2003 to 2007, LAN was rated one of the "Top 100 Design Firms" in the metro area by *New York Construction* magazine.

### **About LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc.**

Based in Midland Park, NJ, LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. is a one of the largest full-service engineering and architectural firms in northern New Jersey with more than 70 architects, engineers, planners, surveyors, scientists, design draftsmen and construction administrators. LAN serves clients throughout the United States and Canada. The firm's Goshen, New York office opened in 1999. For more information on LAN, visit our Website at [www.lan-nj.com/](http://www.lan-nj.com/) or contact Steve Ramiza at 201-447-6400.

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