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HARRIS COMPANIES ACQUIRES R.M. THORNTON, INC.

St. Paul, MN (July 2, 2012) - Harris Companies, one of the largest mechanical contractors in the United States, today announced they have acquired R.M. Thornton, Inc., a commercial mechanical contracting company providing plumbing and HVAC services throughout Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The purchase of R.M. Thornton based in Capitol Heights, MD, further increases Harris Companies' national reach and marks their introduction into the competitive East Coast market. "The combination of R.M. Thornton with our current resources will provide our clients with a level of service and commitment rarely seen in the mechanical industry," said Greg Hosch, Chief Executive Officer of Harris Companies. "The acquisition is also expected to result in greater efficiencies and significantly increase our market share," added Mr. Hosch.

Harris Companies is currently in the process of integrating various elements of R.M. Thornton with the emphasis on centralized support and decentralized decision making. "The integration of both companies will take place over the next several months. Our clients will continue to receive the same high quality services which they have come to expect," stated Mr. Hosch.

R.M. Thornton will continue to operate under their current name and is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Harris Companies. "This acquisition represents an important step for both companies. With this change, we are better able to implement strategies that prove to be differentiators in the marketplace and will allow us to grow into one of the nation's top 10 mechanical contractors," said Mr. Hosch.

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R.M. Thornton, Inc.

After 80 years, R.M. Thornton, Inc. continues to be recognized by the industry and marketplace alike for its outstanding performance and quality mechanical contracting. Providing plumbing and HVAC services, R.M.Thornton exceeds expectations by every measure. Building projects throughout Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia since 1932, R.M.Thornton performs every job with the customer service, craftsmanship, integrity, and experience expected by its customers. For more information, visit www.rmthornton.com.

Harris Companies

Harris Companies designs, builds, installs, controls, and maintains building systems for health care, industrial, commercial, and institutional customers while maintaining their commitment to the success and increased adoption of sustainable construction practices throughout the industry. Founded in 1948 by Charles Harris, Harris Companies has grown from its modest beginnings into one of the nation's leading mechanical contractors. As their customers' needs have evolved, they have grown to accommodate them with more than 1,100 employees in nine (9) locations in the United States and one office in Canada. For more information, visit www.hmcc.com.

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