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**Barone Design Group and Sikes Group Announce Strategic Alliance**

Barone Design Group, a solutions-driven architecture and interiors firm, and Sikes Group, Inc. a leading Houston-based architecture and construction management firm, announce they have formed a strategic alliance. Both firms have been stalwarts of the Houston architectural scene for over twenty years, and developed solutions for leading Fortune 500 companies.

The strategic alliance enables the firms to offer comprehensive interior and ground-up design services to leading corporate, commercial and institutional real estate organizations including healthcare providers, oil & gas, financial services and hospitality companies. As part of the alliance, the two firms are co-locating at One Northwest Center in Houston, Texas.

"Our goal is to leverage our synergies to offer clients in the Houston-area and beyond total interior and exterior architectural design solutions. Together we can more comprehensively address the demand for new facilities in healthcare, hospitality and corporate markets," said Dean Barone, co-founder and president of Barone Design Group.

"This alliance provides our firm with acute design and interiors expertise. When combined with our architectural and construction management background, we now have the capability to offer our clients integrated expertise and a total service package," said Herschel Sikes, founder and president, Sikes Group.

Barone Design Group specializes in creating corporate workplace environments and highly technical, industrial, R&D and manufacturing facilities for leading companies worldwide. Sikes Group has extensive ground-up architectural and project-construction management experience. The new collaborative relationship enables the firms to offer clients an integrated solution to their facility requirements.