

Louisville's largest engineering firm focused on growth with recent acquisition

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Louisville's largest engineering firm is expanding its national presence by acquiring a firm in Texas.

CMTA and Therma Holdings announced Tuesday the acquisition of Dallas, Texas-based ACTS 29. [Greg Wellman](#), who's moving from the Louisville office to Texas as managing partner of the Dallas firm, said ACTS 29 has 15 employees, rounding out CMTA's total number of engineering professionals to over 580 across the country.

A news release said the acquisition benefits each company by increasing their geographic reach, engineering capacity, and ability to provide high-performance design and energy-efficient solutions to their clients. CMTA was acquired by San Jose, California-based Therma Holdings in [July](#).

"I am excited to welcome ACTS 29 to the CMTA team," CMTA President [Jimmy Benson](#) said in the release. "As a group the ACTS 29 staff are a great fit for CMTA's culture and values. With their help we are looking forward to expanding our presence in the Dallas-Ft Worth market and bringing more of CMTA's brand of high-performance design and innovation to the area.

CMTA specializes in energy-focused engineering. The release said the firm delivers energy savings through both traditional and performance contracts in the healthcare, education, commercial, and local, state, and federal government markets.

There were a few reasons why the acquisition of ACTS 29 was a good fit for CMTA. For one, Wellman said the firm already operates within the healthcare space, aligning well with CMTA's mission. With the Dallas location, he said the acquisition allows CMTA to expand into one of the hottest markets in the country.

“We wanted to be in Dallas to complement our Houston office,” Wellman said. “It was a strategic move for us.”

Most importantly, he said ACTS 29 matched the culture created at CMTA. When considering expansions like this, the company looks for firms that have similar culture. He said CMTA has a saying, “culture eats everything else for lunch.”

“We are thrilled to join the CMTA team, which holds the same values of putting the team first, open-mindedness, and continual improvement,” [Tony Roe](#), chief of operations at ACTS 29, said in the release. “Being part of a nationally recognized engineering firm will allow us to continue to provide excellence to our communities and valued customers. As we grow CMTA in Dallas, we will continue to provide high-quality service and positive collaborative culture that promotes innovation and growth. I am so proud of our team and know that we will do great things as we go forward.”

CMTA is striving for more growth in the future, both organically and through acquisitions like this one. Wellman said it's apart of the firm's five-year strategic plan.

CMTA is number one on Louisville Business First's largest engineering firms list. Founded in 1990, the firm has two local offices and an annual revenue of \$134 million. We previously reported it has 53 licensed engineers locally. The release said CMTA is recognized as a leader in sustainable facility design and energy efficiency retrofits, often providing performance contracting and consulting engineering services together as part of larger multi-disciplinary comprehensive solutions.



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