

Acadian Integrated Solutions and Safety Management Systems merge to create largest provider of health, safety & environment services in region

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Two leading providers of services to the oil and gas industry have joined forces in a move that will enhance performance in both the onshore and offshore petroleum operations.

Officials with Acadian Integrated Solutions, LLC (AIS) announced the merger with Lafayette-based Safety Management Systems, Inc. (SMS). The merger will create one of the largest providers of health, safety, and environment management services in the region.

AIS, a wholly owned subsidiary of Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc., has been providing on-site medical and safety services primarily to the offshore oil and gas industry around the world since 1981.

SMS, founded by Certified Safety Professional Greg Trahan in 2000 after many years in the oil and gas industry, provides health, safety, and environmental technicians and consultants, and environmental management services. The company has a large presence in the Gulf of Mexico, Texas, and the Rocky Mountains.

Following the merger, Safety Management Systems will continue to operate as a division of AIS under the same leadership and management team. The combined companies will employ more than 500 skilled and highly trained people.

"The decision to align SMS with Acadian was based foremost on serving the best interests of the SMS employees who have worked so hard to make us successful," Trahan said. "I believe we have made the best decision because now all SMS employees become employee-owners in this new organization. I feel good knowing their dedicated efforts to be part of a leading-edge safety company will be rewarded in the future."

"Bringing these two organizations together is simply phenomenal," said AIS President Ed Mury. "The combined lines of service will provide an even higher level of diversity to our company. In addition to our medical, HSE and training services, we will now be able to provide a wide array of safety and environmental consulting services. We will continue to be a pacesetter in the HSE business, and I am extremely excited about the opportunities ahead."

Mury said the two companies, because of their expertise and experience, will complement and strengthen each other. AIS, for instance, provides comprehensive safety and regulatory compliance training required by MMS, U.S. Coast Guard, OSHA, IADC, and STCW Part 95. SMS also has a strong background in assisting companies in meeting the requirements of governmental agencies in the areas of health, safety and environmental management, he said.

"The abilities of the two companies," Mury said, "will greatly extend the benefits of such vital elements as on site medical services, clerical support services, safety support, emergency response coordination, customized health and wellness programs, medical

and safety training services and international medical management services. Together, we will enhance the effectiveness of such services as the design and implementation of safety management systems, evacuation management systems, and on-demand access to decision making information.”

“SMS has many years of experience in such areas as health and safety assessments, environmental assessments, program development, employee training, HS&E audits, risk management, loss control, contractor safety management, environmental management and claims management,” Trahan said. “Working together, SMS and AIS provide an array of services that can mean greater safety, training, efficiency and environmental protection, as well as strengthened clerical activities management and consulting.

Richard Zuschlag, Acadian Ambulance Service Chairman and CEO, expressed pride in the accomplishments of AIS over the years. “I have a great deal of confidence in this merger,” he said. “This is one of the largest transactions Acadian has undertaken, and I believe it’s the right move for our employee-owners.”

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