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## Manassas contractor bought by Roanoke firm

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Edward Daffan Inc. a long-time Manassas general contractor, has been acquired by The Branch Group Inc., one of Virginia's largest construction companies.

Headquartered in Roanoke, Branch Group is expanding its base of operations with the purchase of Daffan.

The new company will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Branch under the name of R.E. Daffan Inc.

"Daffan is recognized for its design-build services," said James C. Harrison IV, Branch CEO. "Adding Daffan to our family of companies will position Branch for additional growth in Northern Virginia."

Besides Daffan, Branch has about 800 employees in four other companies. Based in Roanoke are Branch & Associates Inc., a general contractor; Branch Highways Inc., a highway and infrastructure contractor; G.J. Hopkins Inc., a mechanical and electrical contractor; and E.V. Williams Inc., a highway and site contractor. Williams is based in Virginia Beach. Branch's combined revenues for 2007 will exceed \$280 million.

Larry Dickenson, a Branch executive, has been named president of Daffan. A University of Virginia graduate, Dickenson joined Branch in 1983.

The previous Daffan owners will remain involved in the new company. Bill Daffan is vice president with focus on business development. Lee Daffan is director of field operations. "Their commitment to help grow the new company will ensure a smooth transition as we move forward," said Dickenson.

Founded in 1968, Daffan, Inc. is responsible for more than \$200 million of commercial and industrial construction in Northern Virginia.