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### **Finley Engineering Launches Wireless Partnership with Mankato Networks**

Lamar, Missouri – Finley Engineering, one of the largest independent engineering consultancy firms in the country, has entered into a strategic alliance with Mankato Networks LLC to offer expertise in wireless/IP services. Wireless services include strategic planning, business and technology evaluation, product development, RF propagation analysis and turn-key build-out services. Additionally, the two organizations will together offer IP services for wireless data networks, Ethernet transport, IP architecture and network design.

“Our strategic alliance with Mankato Networks adds a new layer of service we at Finley Engineering can offer our clients,” says Finley CEO Rod Christenson. “The wireless arena continues to grow, not only in cellular but also in broadband wireless networks and we are excited to be a part of it.”

The principals of Mankato Networks bring a wealth of experience in the wireless industry to their alliance with Finley. Dennis Miller, principal, served as president and chief executive officer of Midwest Wireless from its inception to sale to Alltel in 2006. Additionally, he has held board positions with CTIA-The Wireless Association and The Rural Cellular Association.

Brian Fingerson, president of Mankato Networks, was previously chief technology officer for Midwest Wireless and has worked in various engineering management roles at Pacific Telecom Cellular Inc. Jay Hanke, chief technology officer, previously worked as wireless data manager at Midwest Wireless and Alltel.

“We look forward to working with Finley to offer start-to-finish consulting for wireless/IP projects,” says Fingerson. “Our strategic alliance will allow clients to work with the same team from strategic planning, business and technology evaluation, network designs, all the way through to construction completion and in service.”

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