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### **Winter Companies Promotes Executives and Launches New Division For Strategic Growth.**

(October 9, 2014) ATLANTA, GA – Since 2001, Brent Reid has served as President and CEO of both Winter Companies and its commercial construction business unit, Winter Construction. Due to the current and projected growth of Winter Companies for 2015, including the launch of a new division, Reid will transfer his day-to-day leadership role in Winter Construction to Tom Nichols and maintain his role as President and CEO of Winter Companies in order to continue to drive strategic growth. Tom Nichols has been promoted to President of Winter Construction from his former position as Executive Vice President.

Nichols joined Winter Construction in 1996 as a Project Manager. His mission-critical mindset and high standards propelled him to Group Manager, then Vice President and, most recently, Executive Vice President. In each of his roles, Nichols created new key relationships, has been instrumental in developing new processes and systems at Winter, and has played a significant role in rebuilding, rebranding and repositioning the company, which was recently ranked as one of Atlanta's Best Places to Work by the Atlanta Business Chronicle. As President, Nichols will continue to focus on growing Winter's commercial construction division.

"Brent has been an outstanding hands-on leader, and because we are a locally-owned and focused company, we're excited that he'll be able represent Winter and all our divisions spending more time leading and contributing to organizations like Council for Quality Growth that are helping shape the future of development in the metropolitan Atlanta area," stated Nichols.

Gary Ellis, formerly a Principal of Winter Environmental, Winter's abatement and environmental services unit, will manage the newly launched new division, Winter Systems. Brad Reid and Jim Graham also of Winter Environmental, will maintain their roles as Managing Principals.

Ellis explained, "We recognized great growth opportunities in mechanical construction, building groundwater and thermal soil remediation systems, industrial process water treatment systems, and alternative energy systems that process compressed natural gas, solar energy and biofuels."

#### *About Winter Companies:*

*Winter is a privately owned and operated Atlanta based multi-disciplinary general contracting company. We provide construction and environmental services to public and private clients in the Southeast and beyond. For more information visit: <http://www.wintercompanies.com>*

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