

FLASH REPORT | August 2026

Business Services: Engineering & Design

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Engineering & Design Services Sector Update

- Engineering and design services providers deliver technical, regulated services, such as civil, structural and geotechnical engineering, as well as architecture, surveying and interior design. Capital projects for public agencies, private developers, institutional owners and industrial operators depend on this work to move from concept to construction.
- Building codes and licensure requirements impose design obligations that project owners cannot defer or avoid. State licensure laws dictate who may design and seal a project, while adopted model codes, such as the International Building Code, dictate how it must be built. Providers licensed across multiple states and disciplines build repeat client relationships that generate reoccurring revenue.
- Data center, power generation and grid infrastructure investment represents a rapidly growing source of demand. Substation, transmission and structural design must be completed before construction begins, and further interconnection studies are required before a project can be energized. This work is fulfilled by providers with specialized electrical and energy expertise.
- Millions of miles of U.S. roads, water systems and utility networks, along with hundreds of thousands of bridges, require periodic assessment, redesign and renewal. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act authorized \$1.2 trillion for this work, with nearly \$300 billion already allocated to projects but not yet obligated. Much of this asset base is aging, generating design work that recurs independently of new construction activity.
- Overall, the combination of code-mandated design requirements, sustained investment in power and digital infrastructure and non-discretionary reinvestment in an aging asset base creates an attractive market for scaled engineering and design services platforms. Well-positioned providers benefit from customer demand for integrated, single-source solutions.

Select EdgePoint Professional Services Transactions

Project Cedar Provider of BPO services to highly regulated end-markets <i>Active Client</i>	 Secure collateral management <i>has been acquired by</i>  MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	SEQUOIA CONSULTANTS <i>has been acquired by</i> kiwa
RACHLIN PARTNERS <i>has been acquired by</i> Huckabee a portfolio company of GODSPEED CAPITAL	 PERRY The Perry Group <i>has been acquired by</i> CDM Smith	 Hoffman <i>has been acquired by</i> <i>Members of Management</i>

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Recent Sponsor-Backed Strategic Transaction Profiles

RATIO Design | Helix Architecture + Design

Type: Architecture



- **August 2026** – RATIO Design, an interdisciplinary provider of architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, urban planning and historic preservation services, has acquired Helix Architecture + Design.
- **Target:** Helix Architecture + Design is a Missouri-based provider of integrated architecture, interior design and historic renovation services.

Verdantas | Sherwood Design Engineers

Type: Civil



- **August 2026** – Verdantas, a provider of integrated environmental science, engineering and consulting services across water, environment and energy markets, has acquired Sherwood Design Engineers.
- **Target:** Sherwood Design Engineers is a California-based provider of site, civil, water resources and sustainable infrastructure engineering services.

Conсор Engineers | Peterson Structural

Type: Structural



- **August 2026** – Conсор Engineers, a provider of advisory, planning, engineering design and program delivery services, has acquired Peterson Structural Engineers.
- **Target:** Peterson Structural Engineers is an Oregon-based provider of structural engineering services for water and municipal infrastructure.

Ardurra Group | Kelly Engineers

Type: Civil



- **June 2026** – Ardurra Group, a provider of engineering and consulting services for public infrastructure markets, including water, transportation and municipal engineering, has acquired Kelly Engineers.
- **Target:** Kelly Engineers is a Pennsylvania-based provider of civil engineering, land surveying and municipal development consulting services.

Certerra | Paramount Consulting

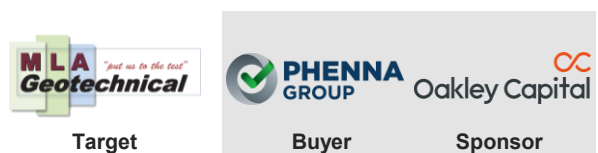
Type: Structural



- **June 2026** – Certerra, a provider of technology-enabled laboratory testing, inspection and quality management services, has acquired Paramount Consulting and Engineering.
- **Target:** Paramount Consulting and Engineering is a Florida-based provider of building envelope, structural engineering and special inspection services.

Phenna Group | MLA Geotechnical

Type: Geotechnical



- **April 2026** – Phenna Group, a provider of testing, inspection, certification and compliance services across the infrastructure, construction and engineering sectors, has acquired MLA Geotechnical.
- **Target:** MLA Geotechnical is a Texas-based provider of geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing and special inspection services.

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Select Recent Transactions

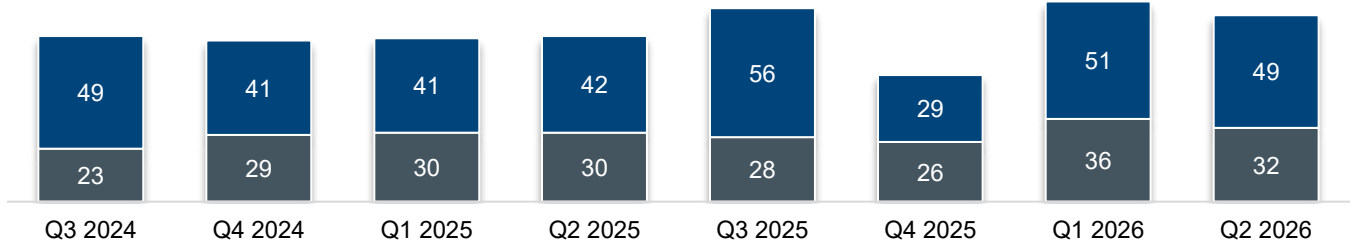
Date	Target	Target Type	Buyer	Financial Sponsor
Aug-26	Galena-Benchmark Engineering	Civil	ZenaTech (NAS: ZENA)	-
Aug-26	Helix Architecture + Design	Architecture	RATIO Design	Hennick & Company
Aug-26	Sherwood Design Engineers	Civil	Verdantas	Sterling Investment Partners
Aug-26	Peterson Structural Engineers	Structural	Consort Engineers	New Mountain Capital
Aug-26	RTA Architects	Architecture	SLAM Construction Services	-
Aug-26	WCGS Architects	Architecture	Corgan	-
Jul-26	Trudeau Associates	Architecture	Michael Graves Architecture	-
Jul-26	Velocity Group	Civil	ZenaTech (NAS: ZENA)	-
Jul-26	V&A	Civil	Exodigo	-
Jul-26	Matheny Goldmon	Design	Goodwyn Mills Cawood	-
Jun-26	New City Design Group	Architecture	The HFW Companies	VSS Capital Partners
Jun-26	RMH Group	MEP	Salas O'Brien	Blackstone (NYS: BX)
Jun-26	Davis • Martin • Powell	Civil	McKim & Creed	-
Jun-26	A.V. Schwan & Associates	Structural	RTM Engineering Consultants	MML Capital Partners
Jun-26	RRC Companies	Multidisciplinary	New Mountain Capital	-
Jun-26	Yu & Associates	Geotechnical	Verdantas	Sterling Investment Partners
Jun-26	Omni Associates Architects	Architecture	Signal Hill Equity Partners	-
Jun-26	Robinson Engineering	Civil	DJ&A	Keystone Capital Management
Jun-26	Kelly Engineers	Civil	Ardurra Group	Littlejohn & Co.
Jun-26	Conceptual Design Group	Architecture	Haley Ward	-
Jun-26	BBG&S Engineering Consultants	MEP	Ghafari Associates	-
Jun-26	Paramount Consulting and Engineering	Structural	Certerra	OceanSound Partners
Jun-26	Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates	Multidisciplinary	Colliers Engineering & Design	-
Jun-26	Nelson Geotechnical Associates	Geotechnical	MacKay Sposito	SkyKnight Capital
Jun-26	R.E. Warner & Associates	Multidisciplinary	ISG	-
May-26	Johnson Johnson Crabtree Architects	Architecture	Wold Architects and Engineers	Providus Capital Partners
May-26	Woodcock Design	Architecture	Michael Graves Architecture	-
May-26	OJB studios	Design	Populous Holdings	Providence Equity Partners
May-26	William H. Smith and Associates	Civil	Vistal	-
Apr-26	MLA Geotechnical	Geotechnical	Phenna Group	Oakley Capital

Transactions are representative of Civil Engineering Service, Structural Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Design Services and Architectural Design.
Source: Pitchbook (as of August 14, 2026).

Quarterly Transaction Volume

(# of transactions)

■ Strategic M&A ■ Private Equity



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Recently Formed & Acquired Platforms

Signal Hill Equity Partners
has formed



Type: Multidisciplinary
June 2026

Hunter Forest Capital
has formed



Type: Multidisciplinary
February 2026

Morgan Stanley Inv. Mgmt.
has acquired



Type: Multidisciplinary
January 2026

Keystone Capital Mgmt.
has acquired



Type: Civil
January 2026

New Mountain Capital
has acquired



Type: MEP
November 2025

Court Square Capital Partners
has acquired



Type: Multidisciplinary
June 2025

Brightstar Capital Partners
has acquired



Type: Multidisciplinary
August 2024

GHK Capital Partners
has acquired



Type: Civil
August 2023