

Science Applications buying waste consultancy Beck

July 7 -- R.W. Beck Group Inc., a consulting company known for its work in the solid waste industry, is being acquired by Science Applications International Corp.

Seattle, Wash.-based R.W. Beck has 550 business consultants including engineers, economists, analysts and other professionals. The company serves the solid waste, wastewater, water and energy sectors.

The deal includes acquisition of Beck Disaster Recovery, an emergency management consultancy.

"With the development and rehabilitation of many aspects of our nation's infrastructure becoming increasingly critical, and the ongoing threat of natural and man-made disasters, both SAIC and R. W. Beck leadership believe that combining the capabilities of the two companies will produce results of significant benefit to our clients and overall business," said Russ Stepp, president and CEO of R.W. Beck.

SAIC, based in San Diego, calls itself a Fortune 500 scientific, engineering, and technology applications company. The company has about 45,000 employees and sales of \$10.1 billion for the fiscal year ended Jan. 31.

The deal is expected to close in August.

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