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BIG CHANGES IN STORE FOR WESTWOOD AND CEO ON HIS FIFTIETH

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN – [Westwood Professional Services, Inc.](http://www.westwoodps.com) has announced that Dwight Jelle will be retiring from his role as Westwood’s CEO on May 27, his fiftieth birthday. Successful and turning fifty, one might ask why so young and at the peak of his career?

At a young age, Jelle had visions of his life’s journey, both in business and personally. At age twenty-five, he made a goal to be in the business for twenty-five years and make a career change at age fifty, “Having a plan has kept me committed and able to look to the future and prepare for my life after fifty.”

Jelle joined Westwood in 1989 as a professional civil engineer and project manager. He led Westwood’s residential business from 1993 to 2004. Throughout this period, Westwood participated in more residential development than any other Metro firm.

Jelle became President of Westwood in 2005. During this time, he led the company’s land development business while supporting Westwood’s energy initiatives by establishing a national presence in solar energy.

In preparation for Jelle’s departure in May of 2010, Westwood appointed Paul Greenhagen as President in January 2010, while Jelle assumed the role as CEO. Jelle has much confidence in the new leadership at Westwood, “With my transition, I can provide others a chance to lead Westwood. Those stepping up have proven themselves time and time again. The company is in very good hands and I have no doubt there will be much success in the future.”

Passionate for renewable energy, sustainable development, and local foods, Jelle plans to find a way to continue to be involved in the growth of all three. He looks forward to the journey - and spending more time with his wife, “I made a big commitment to Westwood and my wife invested in that for a long time. It is time to cater to her and experience more together.”

Jelle credits his success to his clients and the people at Westwood, “My clients taught me about their business so that Westwood could help them reach their goals. Without their patience, trust, and confidence in me, and the incredible talent and dedication of our staff, I would not have made it.” Jelle believes that if you are passionate about your business, success will follow, “My clients always knew that I was in this for them. I have been passionate about residential real estate and renewable energy for a long time and it made my job fun. If you enjoy what you do, you can’t help but be successful.”

When asked what he has learned and will carry forward after fifty, he says, “Do what you say you will do and never waiver from that.”

About Westwood:

Westwood Professional Services, Inc. is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm providing complete and sustainable solutions to Land and Energy development clients nationwide. Westwood’s services include land surveying, aerial mapping, GIS, civil engineering, land rights, planning, environmental, cultural resources, landscape architecture, transportation engineering, visualization, construction management, and NPDES & SWPPP compliance. Westwood was established in 1972 and has multiple U.S. offices.

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