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Aerial Photo Business Acquired

Blue Skies Takes Over NM Aerial

Journal Staff Report

Blue Skies Consulting LLC, an aerial photography company in Belen, has acquired New Mexico Aerial Surveys Inc., a 33-year-old Albuquerque firm founded by Tom and Liz Mann, for undisclosed terms.

"I am confident that Blue Skies will continue in the same traditions of quality, customer service, and integrity which my late husband Tom and I established when we started NMAS so many years ago," NMAS president Liz Mann said in a statement.

"Blue Skies and NMAS have successfully shared the New Mexico aerial imagery market for many years and have recently capitalized on a unique opportunity to join forces," said Tami Wiggins, Blue Skies' CEO. "This alliance strengthens the capabilities and technology available to our customers."

NMAS has provided film-based aerial photography to private photogrammetric and engineering companies, as well as local, state, and federal government agencies all over the Southwest, Blue Skies said in a news release.

Blue Skies, established in 1999, specializes in large aerial imagery-acquisition projects covering New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Cali-



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Aerial photo company Blue Skies Consulting has acquired New Mexico Aerial Survey. Blue Skies CEO Tami Wiggins, left, and president Mike Racine are shown in this file photo.

fornia. Its focus has been the federal government market sector.

The company's new digital photogrammetric mapping camera, a MicroSoft-Vexcel

UltraCam Lp, is the only digital camera of its kind in New Mexico. An increasing demand for its imagery led Blue Skies to search for additional production capacity.