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Blue Skies Consulting acquires Albuquerque area film-based aerial photography company

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Blue Skies Consulting, LLC, an aerial photography company in Belén, has acquired the personnel, equipment and accounts of New Mexico Aerial Surveys, Inc. of Albuquerque.

NMAS, founded in 1979 by Tom and Liz Mann, 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.

Established in 1999, Blue Skies specializes in large aerial imagery-acquisition projects covering New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California. BSC's focus has been the federal government market sector.

In 2003, BSC was named the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Woman-Owned Small Business Contractor of the Year, and in 2010 it was named the Farm Service Agency's Woman-Owned Business Contractor of the Year.

Both of those awards were given in recognition for BSC's support of the USDA's National Resources Inventory program.

BSC'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 the camera's imagery led Blue Skies to search for additional production capacity. Adding NMAS's resources brings compatible

equipment and highly trained personnel into BSC's workflow.

"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," said Liz Mann, president of NMAS.

"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."