



News Release

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Saint Paul, MN -Digital Planet Communications, an industry-leading business communications professional services firm, announces a new ownership structure and the retirement of its' founder Shawn Schmidt.

Digital Planet Communications Inc. today announced a revised ownership structure and the company's President and founder, Shawn Schmidt, will retire from his role as Managing Partner. The revised ownership structure will allow Digital Planet to focus efforts on the Midwest market which it currently serves, as well as bring new products and services to Digital Planet's customers. Schmidt's decision to retire will bring to a close 15 years of leading the company he founded. Brent Killen will assume the role of Managing Partner.

"The ownership structure for Digital Planet will consist of two minority shareholders, Brent Killen and Jonathan Watkins, and a private equity firm will be the majority shareholder of Digital Planet." Schmidt said. "It is a dynamic time in communications technology and this revised structure will allow Digital Planet to capitalize on this unprecedented opportunity."

"Shawn Schmidt founded this company in 2001 and has been the visionary of Digital Planet for many years", said Brent Killen, Partner of Digital Planet. "Shawn has created a company that will thrive for years to come; he leaves behind a legacy of innovation and dedication. The remaining executive team looks forward to carrying Shawn's vision into the future with continued year over year growth"

"Our clients' needs have evolved exponentially over the company's history, and we have always met or exceeded their expectations", said Jonathan Watkins, Partner of Digital Planet. "More importantly, we have always been the leader in our space, and we don't expect that to change. Digital Planet has invested heavily in knowledge and education, for our employees and for our clients. This philosophy is why we have many solid people that are ready to take leadership roles."

About Digital Planet

Headquartered in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Digital Planet is a Communications Technology Solutions Advisor (CTSA). As a CTSA, we combine Voice and Data Networks, Telephony Hardware, and Information Technologies, into a single managed solution for our clients. Digital Planet professional services and Digital Planet consulting services are nationally recognized as the leaders in business communications technology consulting services. Digital Planet has an industry proven reputation for quality and customer focus.

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