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**W. J. Bauman Associates, Ltd. Breaks Ground On New Offices and Plans For Name Change**

**EAU CLAIRE, WI--May 5, 2004:** In response to growth and the broadening of services, W. J. Bauman Associates, Ltd. breaks ground on a new office building and announces plans for a name change. Construction has begun on the new offices that will be located in the Southtowne Business Park, 4229 Southtowne Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701. The move will increase the amount of office space to 8,800 square feet to meet the firm's plans for strategic expansion and services development. The firm held an official ground breaking ceremony on site today.

In conjunction with the building project and in order to reflect the evolution of its services to a more complete full-service firm, the firm's Managing Partner, Brian Schilling, announced a change in the name to Bauman Associates, Ltd. Certified Public Accountants and Advisors.

Mr. Schilling commented on these changes during the ceremony noting, "Our growth is directly connected to the exciting changes we have seen in Eau Claire and surrounding areas. Today marks a great milestone for our firm, in terms of the start of our new building and the debut of our name change. Our goal is to continue to provide even greater resources to our clients as we focus on helping them successfully achieve their goals and visions for the future." The firm's shareholders and Eau Claire employees were on hand to help commemorate the event along with representatives from the Eau Claire Ambassadors, the Chamber of Commerce, City Council, County Board and Royal Construction.

Bauman Associates was founded in 1947 as a certified public accounting firm. Since then, the firm has expanded to include offices in Eau Claire and River Falls, Wisconsin, and provides a full breadth of services to business and individuals throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota. Professional services include business consulting, technology training, human resource consulting, tax strategy, planning and preparation; accounting and auditing services; as well as estate, trust and retirement planning.

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