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Shen Milsom & Wilke Adds Security Consulting Services: New Area of Expertise The focus of building security is straightforward: to protect lives, assets, and the facility in which they are located.

Responding to the needs and requests of architects and building owners, Shen Milsom & Wilke recently added security consulting to their range of services, which also includes multimedia/audiovisual, telecommunications, and acoustic consulting and design.

"The ability to offer our clients all of these services from a single source is a great convenience for them," says Fred Shen, president of Shen Milsom & Wilke. "Security is a logical extension of Shen Milsom & Wilke's services; it incorporates many of the technologies in which we are expert. It also bolsters the trend toward systems integration."

For example, access control and security systems rely upon a well-structured telecommunications system. Evacuation, life safety, and closed-circuit television surveillance systems share common infrastructure requirements with multimedia/audiovisual technology.

Building security took on new urgency after the September 11 attacks. But security has always been essential to a building's success and to the comfort and safety of its occupants.

Shen Milsom & Wilke's security services include assessments, which examine the need for various types of life safety; asset and facility protection; design of systems for building access, detection, and protection control; construction administration and commissioning to ensure that design intent is not altered during the building phase; and audits to evaluate the status of existing systems, performance levels, expansion capability, and technological positioning.

Robert Martino, a veteran in the building security field, leads Shen Milsom & Wilke's security consulting team. He has experience on many different types of projects, including international airports, office high-rises, government buildings, casinos, and healthcare facilities.

Martino's common sense approach to security balances threat assessment, convenience, emergency planning, and budget realities. He also values collaboration among facility and building owners, security personnel, engineers, architects, and others. Martino has experience with the building security standards and guidelines recently issued by the General Services Administration and the Department of Homeland Security and has worked to ensure that various security products and systems meet these guidelines.

About Shen Milsom & Wilke, Inc.

Shen Milsom & Wilke [www.smwinc.com], an international technology consulting practice founded in 1986, offers comprehensive services in the areas of telecommunications, audiovisual/multimedia, acoustics, and security. The firm has offices in New York, Princeton, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Houston, Denver, San Francisco, Las Vegas, London, Dubai, and Hong Kong, and a staff of more than 140 professionals. Shen Milsom & Wilke was named one of the 100 fastest growing A/E/P firms in the nation by Zweig White & Associates for the years 2001 and 2002.

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