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Willdan Announces the Addition of Three New Executives to Expand Capabilities in Energy Efficiency Services

ANAHEIM, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Willdan Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: WLDN), a provider of professional technical and consulting services, today announced the addition of three new executives who will help further the expansion of Willdan's energy efficiency services capabilities and effectively manage the Company's continued growth.

Dr. Eric Woychik, one of the nation's foremost experts on energy regulatory policy and smart grid development, joins Willdan as the firm's in-house regulatory policy expert. Mr. Dave Buemi, a career developer in the energy sector with strong multi-technology project experience, joins Willdan to lead the firm's efforts in creating partnerships with developers, financiers, and other stakeholders interested in building out distributed energy resources (DER) projects. Mr. Paul Salm, a career human resources leader with an engineering background, joins Willdan in the newly created position of Vice President of Human Resources.

"We are seeing significant demand across a range of areas within the energy efficiency services industry and the executives we are adding will position us well to capitalize on these growth opportunities," said Tom Brisbin, Willdan's Chairman and CEO. "These three gentlemen are all recognized experts in their fields and will help Willdan continue our growth trajectory. We welcome Eric, Dave and Paul to our team."

Dr. Eric Woychik Biography:

Eric brings more than 40 years of regulatory policy expertise in the clean-energy and utilities arena, and has worked on behalf of a broad range of organizations including the California PUC and the New York PSC. He has provided research and analysis in topical areas such as smart grid integration, rate design and revenue allocation, as well as in DER project development and financing. Eric holds a Doctorate (Energy Market Game Theory) from Case Western Reserve University; an M.A. (Economics) from New Mexico State University; and a B.S. (Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning) from the University of California, Davis.

Dave Buemi Biography:

With a 20-year history in the solar photovoltaic and clean energy industries, Dave brings a wealth of experience in renewable energy and DER project development. His multi-technology project development expertise is diverse and spans utility, commercial and industrial, and government markets. Prior to joining Willdan, Dave served as Vice President of Business Development for a large developer where he focused on procuring financing for solar, energy storage, combined heat and power, and wind projects.

Paul Salm Biography:

Paul is an accomplished human resources (HR) leader bringing over 15 years of HR expertise to Willdan. He has a proven track-record of helping organizations succeed and has held a number of executive HR roles at professional services companies across the U.S. Paul holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Stanford University, as well as several industry certifications (SPHR & SHRM-SCP).

About Willdan

Willdan provides professional consulting and technical services to utilities, public agencies and private industry throughout the United States. Willdan's service offerings span a broad set of complementary disciplines that include energy efficiency and sustainability, engineering and planning, financial and economic consulting, and national preparedness. Willdan provides integrated technical solutions to extend the reach and resources of its clients, and provides all services through its subsidiaries specialized in each segment. For additional information, visit Willdan's website at www.willdan.com.

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statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, the risk that Willdan will not be able to continue the growth it has experienced in recent years. It is important to note that Willdan's actual results could differ materially from those in any such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, a slowdown in the local and regional economies of the states where Willdan conducts business and the loss of or inability to hire additional qualified professionals. Willdan's business could be affected by a number of other factors, including the risk factors listed from time to time in Willdan's SEC reports including, but not limited to, the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed for the year ended January 1, 2016. Willdan cautions investors not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this press release. Willdan disclaims any obligation to, and does not undertake to, update or revise any forward-looking statements in this press release.

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