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There is going to be a new public accounting firm later this year that is expected to become one of the top 25 largest in the United States by revenue: Elliott Penn. It is the love child of top 50 firms Elliott Davis and Whitley Penn, which [announced their plans to merge on June 13](#). Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Elliott Davis and Whitley Penn are touting the move as a “merger of equals”—they will combine to form a brand-new firm instead of one firm being folded into the other. This happened most recently when top 20 firms [BKD and DHG combined to form FORVIS](#) (based on the words “forward” and “vision”).

Once the merger closes, which is supposed to happen on Nov. 1, Elliott Penn will

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“Elliott Penn is the result of a long-term relationship which turned into a mutual conversation about what could be,” Autrey said in a statement. “We chose to combine now, through a trusted relationship which allowed us to work together to create a unique opportunity for our customers and our people. I could not be more excited about what Elliott Penn will offer to the market and our teams.”

Davis added: “Through our conversations about the changing dynamics in our industry, we recognized that together we would cover the hottest growth markets in the country. I am thrilled to be able to bring our capabilities to a broader range of customers through Elliott Penn and provide an attractive opportunity inspiring others looking to be in the best position for the future.”

Fort Worth, Texas-based Whitley Penn was established in 1983 by founding partners B. Glen Whitley, Jim Penn, and Mark Topel. Greenville, S.C.-based Elliott Davis was formed in 1920 by Merrill Patten, James Elliott, and Herbert Davis.

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