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Top 200 accounting firm REDW Advisors and CPAs added Salem, OR-based tax and accounting firm Grove, Mueller & Swank P.C. on Dec. 1. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

As part of the merger, REDW gains its first office in the Pacific Northwest, adding to its existing locations in Phoenix, Oklahoma City, and Albuquerque, NM.

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100 team members through a similar acquisition in 2022," REDW Managing Principal Steve Cogan said in a statement. "Over the past 40 years, Grove, Mueller & Swank has provided quality service and innovative solutions to its clients, growing into one of the region's most respected accounting, tax, and consulting firms. Likeminded in our approaches to service, clients, and our team members, REDW and GMS are a perfect cultural fit."

Through the transition, the Oregon firm will remain at its Salem office. Grove, Mueller & Swank leadership and employees will continue in their current roles, clients will not experience service disruption, and the brand transition will occur over the next several months, the firms said in a news release.

"The decision to align with REDW was based on several criteria, including our likeminded approach to service and culture. We are especially excited about the partnership as it will allow us to serve our clients more holistically, offering a full breadth of solutions including cybersecurity, HR consulting, and even wealth management from a deep bench of leading in-house experts," said John Hawkins, Grove, Mueller & Swank shareholder and chairman of the board. Hawkins is now a tax principal at REDW.

REDW celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2023 and is preparing to move its Albuquerque office to a new 25,000-square-foot space in 2024. Firm leaders say REDW is creating a digital-first culture that is responsive to the current risk environment and the adoption of technology tools such as artificial intelligence, developing employment models based on hybrid work environments, and offering strategic services ranging from cybersecurity and gaming advisory to HR consulting and comprehensive financial planning.

"We do not work in a silo, and neither do our clients," Cogan said. "We recognize that every client—large or small—has individual needs. Therefore, we offer not just

tax, accounting, and audit services, but a full suite of solutions to assist our clients

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