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**SmithGroup Promotes Westphal**

*Staff*  
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SmithGroup, Inc. has promoted Laura Westphal, senior marketing coordinator, to marketing manager of its Detroit office.

In her new role, Westphal will manage all marketing functions at the Detroit office level as well as continue to perform as an individual contributor to the marketing team. In addition to her responsibility of working with office management to develop and communicate marketing information, plans and projections, she will also oversee SmithGroup's marketing coordinator, graphic designer and public relations coordinator personnel.

Westphal started her career with SmithGroup in April 2004 as a marketing coordinator, developing proposals for multimillion-dollar local and national architecture projects. Prior to joining SmithGroup full time, Westphal was an architectural intern for George Petkoski Architects, of Detroit; an architectural associate for GDR Architects, of Southfield; an architectural co-op for Sarnacki and Associates Architects, of Wyandotte; and an architectural co-op for SmithGroup, of Detroit.

Westphal received a full Insignis scholarship toward her bachelor of architecture degree and master of architecture degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit. She is currently completing the master of business administration program at The University of Michigan-Dearborn and anticipates an August graduation.

SmithGroup, Inc. hired graduate structural engineer, Michael John Skalsky, at its Office/Workplace Studio in Detroit.

Skalsky is a recent graduate of The University of Michigan with a bachelor of science in civil engineering. Skalsky recently served as a staff engineer intern at Ruby + Associates Structural Engineers, of Farmington Hills, and as a materials testing laboratory intern at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in Jackson. Skalsky is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, of Sterling Heights.

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