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## Architectural firms AVRP, Skyport Studios merge

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San Diego architectural firms AVRP and Skyport Studios have announced their merger to become AVRP Skyport Studios.

The joint firm will operate at its combined space at 703 16th Street in the East Village area of downtown.

The merger was formalized when the two regional firms joined forces for Seaport San Diego, the planned 2.2 million-square-foot mixed-use development being planned to replace Seaport Village.

The AVRP Skyport team is already well integrated, having collaborated on planning and architectural projects internationally.

"Frank (Wolden, company principal) and I already knew that we work well together because we have been jointly involved in many of our city's iconic projects for years," said Douglas H. Austin, chairman and CEO of AVRP Skyport Studios, in a statement. "We couldn't be more thrilled to have Frank's visionary and creative thinking skills under our roof."

The merger is the continuation of a plan Wolden plotted when he launched his firm.

"My goal when I started Skyport Studio was always to associate with a larger firm that could bring more horsepower," he said. "I knew that my team could bring new energy and capability to an established firm. Joining AVRP Studios was the perfect match because Doug and I are very aligned in our vision for weaving together community connections with growth and development."

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