

LRS EXPANDS ITS PORTABLE RESTROOM BUSINESS INTO NORTH-CENTRAL, NORTHWEST ILLINOIS WITH THE ACQUISITION OF BIG JOHN

The acquisition of Big John brings a reputation for exceptional customer service, an expansive inventory and grows LRS' service area westward to the Quad Cities



LRS acquires leading portable restroom provider, Big John

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[Lakeshore Recycling Systems \(LRS\)](#), the Midwest's leading independent waste and recycling services provider, today announced it has acquired Oregon, Ill.-based Big John, a leading regional provider of [portable restroom](#) equipment and services, expanding the LRS portable restroom service area from DeKalb and Rockford westward to the Quad Cities. Financial terms were not disclosed, and the acquisition is effective immediately.

Founded in 1975, Big John has built a loyal customer following by providing exceptional customer service. The company's portable restroom equipment and services have been a staple at construction, demolition and industrial sites, outdoor weddings and other special events. The Big John service area spans the following counties: Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago.

"Big John has forged an outstanding reputation for portable restroom services across northwest Illinois and we are thrilled to welcome Big John employees and customers to the growing LRS family," said LRS Vice President of Portable Services, Brian Grosse. "Northwest Illinois is experiencing exceptional growth and this strategic acquisition enables us to compete and scale our operations westward to the Quad Cities."

Commenting on the acquisition, [LRS Chief Executive Officer Alan T. Handley](#): "A cornerstone of our strategic plan is the aggressive consolidation of the portable restroom business throughout our expanding service areas. The acquisition of Big John was instrumental in securing a strong foothold in Western Illinois. We are confident that together with the outstanding employees of Big John we will continue to expand our service offerings while providing the exceptional

customer service Big John customers have come to expect. I am absolutely thrilled to welcome all Big John employees and customers to the LRS family.”

Handley added the acquisition complements LRS’ rapidly expanding roll-off dumpster rental service in the Quad Cities, particularly for construction and demolition projects, commercial business use and special events.

About Lakeshore Recycling Systems

Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) is North America’s seventh-largest privately-held waste and recycling company. For more than 20 years, LRS has specialized in providing comprehensive, fully integrated waste diversion and recycling services for hundreds of thousands of residential and commercial customers in northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin and western Illinois. Diversified and growing exponentially, LRS also offers: affordable roll-off container services, C&D recycling, portable restroom rentals, municipal and commercial street sweeping, mulch distribution, on-site storage and temporary fencing. LRS owns and operates 18 facilities, safely deploys a fleet of fuel-efficient trucks, and thrives on the passion of more than 1,200 full-time employees. The company processes more than 3.2 million tons of waste each year, providing safe, innovative, sustainability-driven services to clean and beautify the cities, neighborhoods and communities it serves. To learn more visit www.LRSrecycles.com.

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