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Willdan Appoints Stacy McLaughlin Chief Financial Officer

ANAHEIM, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Willdan Group, Inc. ("Willdan") (NASDAQ:WLDN)** today announced the promotion of Stacy B. McLaughlin to Chief Financial Officer, effective November 15, from her previous position as the company's Compliance Manager.

"Stacy is a proactive, results-oriented professional who has extensive knowledge of the financial drivers and performance of each of our business segments and has worked closely with everyone on our finance and leadership teams," said Thomas Brisbin, Chief Executive Officer. "During the past three years, she has made a key contribution to the Company in designing and implementing processes and procedures to streamline accounting functions and improve efficiencies. Stacy has already proven her capabilities and I am confident she will make a strong contribution to our future success as our Chief Financial Officer."

Stacy brings nearly 10 years of experience in finance, SEC reporting and compliance. As Compliance Manager at Willdan, she has been responsible for overseeing all aspects of the financial reporting process, including analyzing the balance sheets and income statements of each business segment. Prior to joining Willdan, Mrs. McLaughlin was, from 2009 to 2010, Senior Associate at Windes & McLaughry Accountancy Corporation and, from 2004 to 2009, Senior Audit Associate at the public accounting firm KPMG, LLP. In this position, she planned, coordinated and completed financial statement audits for companies in the engineering services sector, among others. McLaughlin has a Masters in Accounting from the University of Southern California and BS from the University of Arizona.

Brisbin continued, "I would also like to thank Kimberly Gant for the many contributions she has made to Willdan as our Chief Financial Officer over the past 6 years and wish her well in all of her future endeavors."

About Willdan Group, Inc.

Founded in 1964, Willdan provides professional technical and consulting services to public agencies at all levels of government, public and private utilities, and commercial and industrial firms. Willdan provides a broad range of services to clients throughout the United States, including engineering and planning, energy efficiency and sustainability, economic and financial consulting, and national preparedness and interoperability. For additional information, visit Willdan's website at www.willdan.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

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