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**SafeNet Consulting Promotes Ryan Bennett  
From Director of Consulting Services to Managing Director**

*In New Role, Bennett to Oversee Firm's Milwaukee-Based IT Activities*

**Milwaukee, Wis. (June 25, 2019)** – Software development and management consulting firm SafeNet Consulting has promoted Director of Consulting Services Ryan Bennett to managing director, the company announced Tuesday.

As managing director, Bennett will oversee SafeNet's Milwaukee-based resources, including the practice areas (Cloud, UX, Emerging Technologies), its project services division and all consulting field work.

SafeNet also announced that Kelli Schnieder has been named the firm's sole managing partner. Bennett will report to Schnieder, who will oversee all sales, marketing, delivery and back office operations across the company.

Bennett, a University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh graduate, has worked as a software architect and developer since 2007 at Markel American Insurance Co., Robert W. Baird & Co. and SafeNet.

He also is co-founder of Code The Way, an organization that teaches software development to high school students.

Schnieder said she looked forward to Bennett taking on new responsibilities at SafeNet.

"Ryan's background as a field consultant gives him the unique perspective to help shape the future of SafeNet from a consultant's point of view," Schnieder said. "We have exciting plans at SafeNet utilizing Ryan's unique skillset."

SafeNet is an IT / professional services consulting company specializing in management consulting and software development. Its Milwaukee office currently focuses on software development, cloud service offerings, user experience and emerging technologies, with the Minnetonka, Minn., office and headquarters known for its management consulting and data and analytics services.

Major clients serviced from its Milwaukee office include Robert W. Baird & Co., Finastra, Johnson Controls Inc., Batteries Plus Bulbs, Northwestern Mutual, Master Lock and Milwaukee Tool. United HealthCare, Boston Scientific, Surescripts and Hennepin County are clients of the Minnetonka office.

Schnieder was named sole managing partner following the planned departure of her co-managing partner, Jason Dobbs. Dobbs said he was joining data encryption firm PKWARE to build a new team and product and bring it to market. "I'm grateful for my 8 years at SafeNet, the great clients I've worked with there and all the professional relationships and friendships I've made," Dobbs said.

SafeNet, a privately held company founded in 1994, employs about 90 people and generated \$14.5 million in revenue in 2017.

***Headshots of Bennett and Schnieder can be downloaded at:  
<https://app.box.com/s/64ae11a1z16ujbfx5yptlj1wti8dqtvk>***

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