

## Nashville-based Carpenter Wright Engineers joins Bennett & Pless

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ATLANTA, January 7, 2020 – Two of the South's best-known structural engineering companies are combining forces and merging. Together, the two entities, Bennett & Pless and Carpenter Wright Engineers, will have offices in seven locations across the southeast and the capability to provide high-level structural engineering services not only in the region but across the nation.

"Over the years, we have found ourselves needing additional capacity or broader technical expertise, particularly on complex projects. Although many firms had contacted us throughout the years about a merger when Bennett & Pless approached us, it was a natural fit. We found a group of professionals whose values, culture, professional ethics, and work quality matched ours."

*-David Wright, PE, co-founder of Carpenter Wright Engineers*

The merger of Carpenter Wright Engineers & Bennett & Pless creates a powerhouse of structural engineering expertise, specifically expanding their specialty engineering capabilities in the heavy manufacturing and mission critical marketplace, while also creating a dominant consulting presence in Tennessee.

Both firms boast long-term team members and recognition as a "Best Place to Work." The combined firms will create a technical environment to learn and grow and, at the same time, better serve their long-standing client base.

"Carpenter Wright has an impressive resume in the industrial market, which will bolster our reputation as an industry leader. Each of our firms has been highly successful. The combined knowledge base is like having a baseball team with an All-Star at every position. We're going to be hard to beat."

*-Ed Gazzola, PE, CEO of Bennett & Pless*

In a joint statement, Wright and Gazzola, in a light moment, said, "as good as we are, neither of us is as good as both of us, and with extremely experienced staff in all seven of our locations, we're set to make a difference. A big difference."

*Link to original press release:*

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