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WLC ARCHITECTS PARTNERS WITH PBK IN STRATEGIC MERGER

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA – WLC Architects (WLC), a California-based, full-service architectural firm specializing in educational and municipal facilities, announced today a significant development aimed at increasing its capabilities, expertise and suite of services. WLC has merged with PBK, a nationally renowned architecture firm known for its comprehensive services and leadership in the field of educational facilities design. In 2019, PBK was ranked as the #1 Education Design Firm by Engineering News-Record ("ENR"), widely regarded as the engineering and design industry's premiere publication.

The combined firm will be known as PBK-WLC and will have eleven California offices located in Berkeley, Costa Mesa, Fresno, Folsom, Ontario, Pleasanton, Rancho Cucamonga, Sacramento, San Diego, San Luis Obispo and Ventura. The Fresno office shall retain the SIM-PBK name.

Dan Boggio, Executive Chairman of PBK said, "What the WLC Principals have accomplished to this point is extremely impressive. WLC is a recognized leader in education design in California and is extremely well regarded by its customers. Combining their long track record of innovation and design excellence with PBK, results in California's most impressive full-service educational facilities design firm."

Dan Boggio further added, "The PBK-WLC professionals are innovative and are on the leading edge of education architecture and design, ensuring that clients can accomplish their goals and perhaps most importantly, they are enriching peoples' lives by improving the educational experience for the learners of today and those of the future."

"This merger of PBK and WLC is a significant opportunity, not only for our firms, but more importantly, for the clients we serve," said Jim DiCamillo, PBK-WLC Partner. "PBK-WLC will have the resources and capabilities to provide our clients the expertise of a large firm, delivered with the intimacy of a smaller, local firm."

About PBK Architects

For nearly four decades, PBK has served as an award-winning pioneer for architectural and engineering design solutions for clients in education, healthcare, sports and corporate business. With more than 500 professionals across 17 offices, the firm embraces a unique business culture that prioritizes customer service and approaches each project without preconceived notions in order to deliver custom solutions that effectively address the unique needs of each client. The industry-leading talent of PBK's teammates, coupled with the firm's signature service mentality, enables the firm to provide best-in-class programmers, planners, architects, engineers and consultants that always put the client's wishes first. For more information visit: www.pbk.com.

About WLC Architects

Established in 1974, WLC Architects Inc. has grown into a multi-faceted architecture firm with a purposeful focus on providing each client with attentive service and awe-inspiring spaces. Their passionate team members go above and beyond for each of their clients, making sure that projects are delivered on time, within budget, and far beyond expectations. For more information visit: <u>www.pbk-wlc.com</u>

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