

## KPW Structural Engineers Joins Salas O'Brien

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Salas O'Brien announced today that Oakland, CA-based KPW Structural Engineers has joined the company, creating a combined firm of 35 offices with more than 850 team members, 200 registered professionals and clients including the most significant companies, institutions and government agencies in the United States.

KPW represents a significant expansion of Salas O'Brien's structural engineering services. The team's focus on markets including education, data centers, corporate, science & technology, and healthcare complements Salas O'Brien's similar markets and will enable the combined firm to offer even more coordinated services in-house to clients across the country.

As the next step in Salas O'Brien's "local everywhere, with national resources" growth strategy, KPW will continue to be managed by its current leaders and will adopt the Salas O'Brien name after a transition period. The transaction closed on June 30, 2020, and news of the merger was shared just after the close with the KPW and Salas O'Brien teams.

"This merger comes at an ideal moment for both KPW and Salas O'Brien," said Darin Anderson, Salas O'Brien chairman and CEO. "With our past experience working as project partners, we knew that our teams had the chemistry to make this a perfect match. We have also been looking for opportunities to expand our structural services, and I'm thrilled that we can now do that with the outstanding talent of the KPW team."

KPW joins Salas O'Brien as part of an ambitious plan to create the best engineering, facility planning, and commissioning firm in the world—known for the highest-quality work and an outstanding reputation with its clients and team members.

"Merging with Salas O'Brien is so clearly the right move for our team, our engineers, and clients," said John Westphal, co-founder and KPW Principal. Jim Passaglia added that "as we collaborate with Salas O'Brien's team across the country, our team will have unprecedented opportunity to grow and serve more clients than ever. Likewise, both our clients and Salas O'Brien's can now get even more services from a single, coordinated point of contact. We can't wait to see what the future holds."

*Link to original press release:*

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