

## **Stantec continues to grow US Environmental Services footprint; signs agreement to acquire Texas-based Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc.**

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Global engineering and design firm Stantec has signed an agreement to acquire Cox|McLain Environmental Consulting, Inc. (CMEC), a 70-person, full-service environmental consulting firm that provides comprehensive environmental and cultural resource compliance services. The terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

The acquisition is a continuation of Stantec's commitment to sustainability, as CMEC has a strong focus on environmental compliance and planning, natural and cultural resources assessments and permitting, and wind and solar renewable energy projects. On the heels of the recently completed Cardno acquisition, CMEC is the most recent in a series of investments by Stantec supporting its sustainability goals through its global Environmental Services practice. In addition to the North American and Asia Pacific Divisions of Cardno, the company has successfully acquired three other environmental services-focused firms: Minnesota-based Wenck, California-based Paleo Solutions, and Netherlands-based Driven by Values.

"CMEC will strengthen our expertise, geographic depth, and service offerings for our clients, especially within the environmental, natural resources, energy services, transportation, and cultural resources markets," said Gord Johnston, President and Chief Executive Officer, Stantec. "CMEC has exceptional senior leadership and talented technical staff that add new skillsets to our Environmental Services team which can be leveraged across the organization. This transaction supports our strategy in Texas, and CMEC's offices in Oklahoma add a new geographic presence to our United States operations."

CMEC is headquartered in Austin, Texas with additional offices in Houston and Irving, Texas; Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma; Washington DC; and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. CMEC will provide added depth to Stantec's current Environmental Services team in the south region.

"CMEC's culture, clients, and projects align extremely well with Stantec, which we believe is a strong foundation for success," said Ashley McLain, President and Chief Executive Officer, CMEC. "With Stantec's passion for supporting local communities and global resources, this acquisition offers tremendous opportunities for our employees and clients as we work to find the balance between modernizing infrastructure and protecting environmental resources."

*Link to original press release:*

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