

## **TEC** announces acquisition of Dunlap Engineering

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Tarantino Engineering Consultants, PC (TEC) announced today that they have completed their acquisition of Dunlap Engineering, Inc. (DEI). Based on their successful collaborative history, the two firms are confident that the newly combined organization will provide architects, developers, and construction firms with a wider range of support in the areas of structural design, forensic engineering, and connection design.

"We're thrilled to welcome Mark Dunlap and his team to the TEC family," said TEC President & Founder, Brian Tarantino. "The synergy was obvious from our first meeting. With similar cultures and project approach, yet different engineering portfolios, we can simultaneously blend our expertise while diversifying our offerings."

TEC was looking to expand, wanting to grow alongside their clients, while still maintaining quality work and long-term relationships. Bringing together the like-minded business philosophies of TEC and DEI, the acquisition provides existing clients the care and continuity they expect, while fostering a culture of professional development and individual growth for employees. The two groups recently worked together, delivering successful projects on behalf of BMW of Silver Spring, Lindsay Volvo of Alexandria, and a confidential tilt-up concrete warehouse.

Dunlap is expected to remain with the firm for some time, offering major benefits to staff and clients. "Mark brings his stellar reputation for high-quality engineering drawings and client loyalty, along with his invaluable expertise to our growing staff. His knowledge and experience allow us to expand our creative engineering services and continue making a positive impact on our community," added Tarantino.

When looking for a buyer, Dunlap was incredibly intentional with his selection process to carry on his firm's values and continue his legacy. "After meeting with Brian, and having had the opportunity to work together, I felt it was a perfect match," said Dunlap. "When we shared the news with our clients, they were thrilled. They know exactly what they are getting given our shared philosophies, and can benefit from a larger staff with enhanced expertise. I couldn't think of a better way to continue the legacy of my firm than by joining forces with Brian."

Both firms are committed to fostering not only optimal client relationships, but also a collaborative workplace where employees can learn from one another and advance their careers. "I'm excited to have Mark on as a senior principal and mentor to all of us," said Tarantino. Through their combined leadership, Tarantino and Dunlap offer inspiration, guidance, and recognition, encouraging employees to develop their talents working on challenging projects.

The new collective TEC team offers a diverse portfolio of structural engineering services with enhanced expertise and improved productivity. "Merging the two teams allows us to chase bigger opportunities with more resources, offering big-firm power and quality but with small-firm flexibility and client attentiveness," concluded Tarantino. Headquartered in Fulton, Maryland, the new firm will continue to maintain DEI's current Bethesda location and work with clients throughout the United States.

*Link to original press release:* https://tarantinoec.com/index.php/2022/10/03/tec-announces-acquisition-of-dei/

