

DC Capital Announces Launch of Akela Engineering and Consulting

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DC Capital Partners Management, LP ("DC Capital" or "DCCP"), a sector focused private equity firm that invests in middle-market companies in the Government and Engineering sectors, today announced the launch of Akela Engineering and Consulting ("Akela"). Akela is a full-service Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) firm providing engineering and consulting services to the construction industry in California. Industry veteran Dennis Berlien, P.E., has joined Akela as Chief Executive Officer.

Akela partners with public and private entities to provide a diverse range of services, including mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, commissioning, sustainable solutions, architectural lighting and technology. The firm serves clients in the military, life science, government, education, corporate, multi-family, sustainability, hospitality and healthcare spaces.

DC Capital serves as the parent company to Akela. Michael Wall Engineering, Inc. and DEC Engineers, Inc., two leading Southern California MEP engineering firms, united to form Akela, which is a sister company of Michael Baker International, a global leader in engineering, planning and consulting services.

"Akela is the fusion of two successful engineering firms combining 47 years of shared experience," said Thomas J. Campbell, Founder and Managing Partner of DC Capital. "We are extremely pleased to share the official launch of Akela and welcome these industry experts to our portfolio of companies providing differentiated and innovative services and solutions in the Government and Engineering markets."

Mr. Berlien brings more the 25 years of experience to his role as CEO at Akela. He most recently served as President for Glumac, a Tetra Tech Company, and prior to assuming that role, he held a variety of executive roles since joining in 2011. Throughout his career, Mr. Berlien also held leadership positions at Vanderweil Engineers, Wright Engineers, AMEC, Adobe Consulting Engineers and Bechtel.

Mr. Berlien holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State University. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Orangewood Foundation, one of the leading providers of services to foster and community youth in Orange County. He was a Director for the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), an organization committed to a sustainable, prosperous future through its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) criteria as well as a DBIA certified professional. Mr. Berlien is also co-author of the book, "Connections: Everyone Happens for a Reason."

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