

## Award-winning civic design firm RossDrulisCusenbery joins DLR Group

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DLR Group today announced the acquisition of Sonoma, California based civic and public safety design firm RossDrulisCusenbery (RDC). The addition of RDC adds focused design excellence of new building types to DLR Group's global Justice+Civic studio.

RDC is a nationally recognized design leader for the planning, programming, and design of civic and public safety facilities. Its award-winning projects include courthouses, emergency operations centers, emergency communications centers, fire stations and training campuses, land ports-of-entry, and law enforcement facilities. The RDC portfolio also includes youth and family centers, health and human service facilities, and other community building types.

This expertise is now available for clients in each of DLR Group's 33 global offices. RDC also bolsters the operational leadership and design expertise and depth of DLR Group's Justice+Civic practice.

Founded in 1983, RDC's design approach for civic and public safety facilities is grounded in a participatory design process that engages the creative input of individuals traditionally outside of the design team. RDC leads an inquiring and collaborative design process that leverages the operational insights of fire service, law enforcement, and public safety providers. At the community level, RDC seeks the experiences of youth, marginalized communities, operational clients, and highly specialized user groups to guide design. RDC's contemporary civic and public safety design portfolio radiates the unique perspectives of its community of users.

RDC is now part of a team of more than 150 collaborative design thinkers aligned behind a design ethos to deliver healing, equity, and transformation for individuals and communities." - Mallory Cusenbery, Principal

Joining DLR Group enables RDC project teams to provide their clients a depth of in-house design expertise including structural, electrical, mechanical engineering, interiors, high performance design, landscape, science and technology, and a fully integrated array of specialized design services.

"This is an exciting new chapter for our firm. It ensures the continuity and design legacy of the professionals of RDC and provides a global platform to capture larger, more sophisticated projects of scale," said RDC Principal Michael Ross. "It also enables our people to invest in DLR Group and become employee-owners of a global, integrated design firm. We would not have taken this step without the opportunity for our people to become employee-owners."

DLR Group is a 100 percent employee-owned firm, and RDC design professionals will have the opportunity to purchase stock and invest in the future of DLR Group. The RDC office in Sonoma will maintain the RossDrulisCusenbery name in the immediate future. RDC staff in Berkeley will relocate to DLR Group's San Francisco office at 235 Montgomery Street.

*Link to original press release:*

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