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BCA Architects Poised for Success with New Leadership Team

San Jose, Sacramento, Orange County & Los Angeles, California—BCA Architects, a full service architecture, planning and interiors firm, has experienced strong financial success and steady growth in all of the firm’s market sectors over the past several years and has secured its transition to the next generation of leadership. On the eve of the firm’s 30-year anniversary, BCA Architects’ founder and sole owner, Paul Bunton, AIA, will be stepping down as Chief Executive Officer at the end of 2018. He will be handing over the reins to Brian Whitmore, AIA, LEED® AP, who currently serves as President.

“I believe that any good leader that has done their job right, builds an organization that can succeed without them. As BCA passes our 30-year milestone, I am honored to pass the leadership torch to Brian Whitmore,” remarked Bunton on the upcoming leadership changes. ***“BCA has made a significant difference in our built environment with the many award-winning buildings our Team has designed that have influenced the lives of so many people. Brian’s talent, energy and passion for architecture and BCA’s clients is unparalleled, and I look forward to seeing what he and the Leadership Team will accomplish in BCA’s next 30 years.”***



*BCA Architects’ Executive Leadership Team (from left to right)—
Brian Whitmore, Michael Henning, Paul Bunton and James Moore*

Effective January 1, 2019, Whitmore will assume the role of President and Chief Executive Officer, overseeing the vision and future development of the company. He will also transition into sole owner of BCA Architects.

“Assuming the role as President and CEO at BCA Architects is a life-changing opportunity for me,” says Whitmore. ***“I am honored to be able to carry this firm’s passion for architectural excellence into the next 30 years and intend to focus on design, value and customer service for educational, commercial and civic clients throughout California.”***

Now headquartered in San Jose, CA, Bunton established BCA Architects in 1989 (originally located in Fremont, CA) as a firm specializing in educational and public works architecture. After nearly 30 years as the firm’s leader, Bunton is transitioning to the role of Principal Emeritus. He will provide business development support as an independent consultant to the firm. Additionally, he will focus his time on his senior housing development company, Advocacy Development Partners, which was established in 2014 to serve the growing needs of seniors in our society.

Bunton has built his legacy in California school architecture and is a pioneer of the 21st Century learning environments movement. He believes that stakeholder involvement, community inclusion, student achievement and strong partnerships are the cornerstones of successful design solutions, as can be evidenced in his work. Honored as “Architect of the Year” in 2009 by the *Silicon Valley Business Journal*, Bunton’s award-winning designs can be witnessed throughout the State. BCA Architects’ tenet—***“Partnering with clients to achieve excellence in design”***—was founded by Bunton and will carry the firm strongly into the future.

Whitmore joined BCA Architects in 2014 and immediately assumed a high level of leadership, including having served the past two years as President. He is expanding his role to include Chief Executive Officer and will be transitioning into full ownership of the company. Whitmore was instrumental in opening BCA Architects’ office in Sacramento, CA, where he has built a strong team of professional staff and continues to expand the firm’s presence in Northern California and Southern California, alike. His 20-year career has been dedicated to educational and commercial architecture, often leveraging the merits of each to serve both markets.



Whitmore is actively involved in various community and professional boards and commissions, including the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Central Valley Chapter and the City of Rocklin Planning Commission. He was named one of the “Top 15 Architects in Sacramento” by *BuildDirect*; a “Top 40 Under 40” recipient from the *Sacramento Business Journal*; has received numerous Coalition for Adequate School Housing (C.A.S.H.)/Leroy F.

Greene design and planning awards; and is considered a thought leader for K-12, community college and charter school concepts. Whitmore’s primary goal for BCA Architects is to build upon the strong practice defined by Bunton and develop a comprehensive offering of diverse knowledge and geographical reach to clients through the State.

Accompanying Whitmore on the leadership team is James Moore, RA, Chief Operations Officer, who is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the firm. Moore joined BCA Architects in 2009, bringing

with him 35 years of experience and a deep background in educational, municipal and institutional architecture. His extensive knowledge base allows him to effectively oversee all of the company's accounting, financial, project metrics and manpower scheduling matters. ***"I enjoy sharing my experience in design, project management and operations with the talented staff we have within our firm,"*** shared Moore. BCA Architects' consistent and enviable profitability of more than 20% year-over-year is a testament to Moore's successful management practices. He was a past recipient of the "CEO of the Year" award (medium firm category) in 2006 from PSMJ Resources, Inc. in recognition of his outstanding talents in firm leadership.

Michael Henning, AIA, LEED® AP, Associate Principal, leads BCA Architects' Orange County office. He offers 40+ years of experience in school architecture and provides unparalleled project management oversight of the firm's Southern California projects. Henning was named an Associate Principal in 2017 and offered his gratitude for the past nine years and counting with the firm, ***"I'm very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with the uniquely talented group of professionals at BCA. With their support and encouragement, my 40+ years of architectural expertise in construction contract administration and construction team building has expanded exponentially, allowing me to fill a more global leadership position, wherein I'm able to motivate and inspire the architectural staff I work with and others that I'm fortunate to collaborate with in the process. All with the goal to provide our clients with the ultimate architectural product that far surpasses their goals and expectations."***

As the business continues to expand its geographic reach and market diversity, BCA Architects will look to grow its principal staff in coming years.

For more information about BCA Architects, please visit www.BCAarchitects.com.

About BCA Architects

BCA Architects has offices in San Jose, Sacramento, Orange County and Los Angeles with talented staff serving projects as far north as Siskiyou County and to Imperial County in the south. The firm has extensive experience in design, planning, program management, entitlements and funding assistance for California public school, civic and commercial projects. Designing K-12 education and higher education facilities is the core of BCA Architects' business and has been since the firm was established in 1989. BCA possesses expertise in collaborating with education clients to realize their facilities goals through the creation of state-of-the-art and contemporary learning, social and administrative environments. The company's background with public works facilities includes recreational, workplace and community enrichment projects. BCA Architects' commercial portfolio consists of interior architecture, tenant improvements and space planning solutions for workplace, retail, dining/restaurant, private school, senior living and medical office environments.

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