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MCA's Annual Awards of Excellence Gala celebrates outstanding construction projects and the teams that make it all happen. With an anticipated crowd of more than 100 construction professionals, it is a networking and celebratory event you don't want to miss.

Seating is limited and reservations are required if you plan to attend the Gala on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 from 5:30-9:00 PM at the Minneapolis Marriott West. You may reserve a table for 8 persons for \$720 or a half-table for 4 persons for \$360 (members or non-members). Individual reservations are \$90 for MCA members or \$100 for non-members. **Registration deadline is January 17, 2018.** After January 17, 2018 fees increase to \$110/member, \$120/non-member, \$440/half-table and \$880/table and will be accepted on a space available basis. All attendees must register in advance; onsite registration will not be available for this event.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Mat Boie. Wells Concrete

Greetings MCA members! I hope 2018 has started off great for each of you. It is such an honor and very humbling to serve as your President this year. Thank you to 2017 President Paul Almen and the Board. Committees, and all those talented individuals who have helped further develop the MCA to where it stands today! We are so fortunate to be part of an organization that is made up of so many amazing people – all with construction running through our veins – to build, shape, and form our world and the relationships around us.

This year opens up a box of astonishing opportunities for us; here is just a handful:

- 1. Exciting partnerships with ACEC, AIA, MBEX, AGC, plus several other local constructionrelated organizations for even more collaborating in the building industry.
- 2. Our Construct*ium Committee (rebranded from Student Outreach Committee) continues to create a strong link with ten colleges in the Upper Midwest that offer Construction Management programs. This group is growing rapidly and offers a great chance to join forces with our future construction leaders!
- 3. Two colossal events are happening simultaneously to bridge professionals and students under one roof on April 18 – welcome to The Leadership Training Academy! This yearly event is kicking off the Associated Schools in Construction (ASC) International Conference April 18-21 held at Graduate Minneapolis (formerly The Commons Hotel). Both industry professionals and students will benefit from the lineup we have planned!
- 4. An entire year of scheduled out events for 2018 check out our website (www.mnconstruction.org) for specifics on all the Networking, Education, and Recognition opportunities!
- 5. The MCA is a non-profit organization made up of you! Be active, be involved, and be the voice for your company. We are collaborators – creating a space to come together and build something special.

There are some good times happening within our Committees. Kudos to everyone for your continued efforts! Joining a committee and using your talents is a great way to meet some new professionals in the industry, and to help form a clear path for the MCA to travel.

We are also excited to be rolling out a new logo that speaks clearly to the DNA of our organization. The new logo pinpoints communication and brings ties directly from construction. These two important aspects added together equal a collaborative place which is the baseline for our group and part of our mission and vision statements. We'll be officially rolling our new logo out at the Awards of Excellence Gala January 31.

Remember, every Member To Member section in our Newsletter is your opportunity to tell your story. What's new, what's old, what are you working on? It's free advertisement so take advantage of it!

Again, I am excited to continue the momentum of the MCA and will always find time to work with you this year on any needs you might have. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 763.235.8412 or mathew.boie@wellsconcrete.com. Everyone has a voice at our table, everyone has a different background that brings talent to our group, and everyone has the freedom to make this collaboration awesome!

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Wednesday, January 31, 2018
Awards of Excellence Gala

Thursday, March 1, 2018
Winter Networking at Can Can
Wonderland

Friday, March 2, 2018 Choice Award Program & Tour

Thursday, April 5, 2018 Happy Hour at Doran Construction

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Leadership Training Academy

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Secrets to Winning Subcontracts –
How to Get More Work at Higher
Margins

Monday, May 21, 2018 Saints Game Networking Event

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 Scholarship Golf Tournament

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 Legal Case Studies

Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Boat Cruise on Mississippi River

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- Industry Panel Experts Leadership and Career Lessons
- Risk Management Panel
- Keynote Speaker TBA
- Pentathlon Contests

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 | 7:30am - 2:00pm Graduate Minneapolis (formerly The Commons Hotel)

MORE INFORMATION:

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JE DUNN WINS 2018 CHOICE AWARD

The Minnesota Construction Association would like to announce the recipient of the 2018 Choice Award. JE Dunn is the award winner for the Minnesota State Capitol Building Renovation project that was complete in St. Paul.

The State Capitol building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of Minnesota's most famous landmarks. A comprehensive \$275M restoration of both the interior and exterior of the Capitol was completed from 2013-2017 to address the needs of restoration, life safety, accessibility, asset preservation and long-term functionality. Key design features of the project include reclaiming public spaces, raised ceiling heights, restoration of the vast decorative painting and fine art murals, new skylights/lay lights, historical furniture restoration and new historically-appropriate elevators. The work also includes a complete overhaul of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

The exterior work includes comprehensive exterior stone restoration, window replacement, and new roofing systems. The ornate stone work required several master carvers on site for several years. Unique aspects of the work involve finely-detailed copper roof detailing, and restoration of the gold leaf gilded elements such as the dome lantern finial and the famously large "Prosperity Charioteer" that sits above the main entry. The Capitol plazas and grand stairs were all waterproofed and replaced. Work also includes a new main plaza gathering space, bus drop off areas and site security measures.

The award, along with many others, will be presented at the 2018 MCA Awards of Excellence Gala on Wednesday, January 31st at 5:30 PM at the Marriott Minneapolis West. More details about the project can be discovered at the gala or at a separate MCA Choice Award program and tour which will be held on Friday, March 2nd at 2:00 PM at the capitol building. The cost of this program will be free for anyone attending the Awards of Excellence Gala. More details of this program will be forthcoming.

Please visit the Awards of Excellence Gala website for more details, registration and sponsorship information. www.mnconstruction.org/events/awards/









IMPACT OF NEW LEASE ACCOUNTING RULES ON CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES

Article Submitted by Smith Schafer & Associates

The new lease accounting rules will have a big impact on the financial statements of construction companies leasing real property, equipment, vehicles and other fixed assets. The new lease rules go into effect for public companies with fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and December 15, 2019 for all other companies.

Below are five ways the new lease rules may affect your construction company:

1. Current leases will be incorporated in the change.

The terms of current leases are most likely going to continue into 2019 and beyond, meaning every lease you enter into now is going to be presented differently on your future financial statements.

2. Current loan agreements will be affected by the change.

Banking relationships are important to construction companies and may sometimes be fragile. Agreeing to loan covenants now without you or your banker understanding how this standard is going to affect your company's financial statements, may put a strain on this relationship that could be avoided.

3. Buy versus lease decisions on equipment could change.

Many factors are involved when deciding between leasing a piece of equipment or purchasing the equipment out right. In the past, if showing debt on the balance sheet was a consideration, this will need to be re-evaluated to verify how the lease will be presented in the future.

4. Job costing techniques may need to be re-evaluated.

Charging costs to jobs is not always clear cut. When payments on leases are relieving debt, instead of being charged directly to expense line item, it may be more difficult to capture those costs. Construction companies will need to verify they have a proper accounting procedure in place to continue to capture the necessary costs.

5. Comparative statements need to be calculated.

The standard needs to be implemented for the earliest period presented, which will require calculations and new presentation for all years presented. A company should determine if either the bonding agency or the bank requires comparative statements. Single year presentation will remove a year of lease liability calculations and restatement, which may save time and money.

The best way for your construction company to prepare for the new lease accounting rules is to plan ahead. Below are three things your construction company should be doing now to prepare:

1. Identify and classify your leases.

Review all of your equipment and asset lease and rental contracts and create an inventory list, as well as any associated costs, including rent, interest rates and security deposits. Lease documents will become a necessary item for your tax advisor, so start collecting and retaining these documents now.

2. Educate your banker and bonding agency.

Educate investors about the new lease accounting rules and how they impact financial statements. Make sure they know what to expect in your future financial statements.

3. Consider pro-forma financial statements.

Based on your construction company's level of leasing activities, pro-forma financial statements may be beneficial to show the difference in presentation and the results of ratios after the implantation of the new standard.





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Member to Member



STAHL is honored to announce the completion of the technologically-advanced Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Providence Academy in Plymouth. It is the first all-LED performance theater in the state of Minnesota.

Stahl served as construction manager of the three-story, 56,000-square-foot, 650-seat, state-of-the-art facility. The 15-month project was meticulously crafted to feature a stunning auditorium, breath-taking balconies, and a grand lobby with an amazing mezzanine. The theater also features an ellipse-shaped LED ceiling with a custom-made glass chandelier. The structure was comprised of precast concrete with a masonry veneer to match the existing school's Georgian colonial, collegiate-inspired red brick exterior.

"Providence Academy has been working with Stahl Construction since 2002 so we knew they could manage the complexity of this project," said Robert Cummins, Chairman of the Providence Board of Directors. Because of the architectural style of our campus, the attention to detail and ability to blend in with the existing building was extremely important. The Stahl team provided exceptional supervision.

Even with the historical demands, this project was delivered on time and within budget – two elements that are critical to our school. Stahl worked constantly to keep costs reasonable and offered a variety of options, including structural concrete panels, to reduce construction time while still including the architectural details we wanted. Providence Academy is delighted with the outcome of our wonderful theater project."

"We have had the distinct honor of serving Providence Academy on a number of projects over the last decade," said Jessie Houlihan Bingen, President of Stahl. "With each addition, their campus grows meaningfully to offer additional programming opportunities for their students and the surrounding community. The recently-completed performance theater is notable from every perspective with vivid ornamentation, advanced technologies and wise functional additions for students and attendees. The success of the construction project was due to the seamless partnership between the design and historical consultants, Providence Academy and the construction teams."

Providence Academy is a private, Roman-Catholic, college-preparatory K-12 school. They have partnered with Stahl and Studio 55 Architects on a number of projects over the years. Recent projects also include a synthetic-turf football field, running track, stadium bleachers, and seven tennis courts. ◆

INSPEC, INC. has opened a branch office in Rochester to better serve their existing client base in southern Minnesota. Michael Remington, P.E., a civil engineer and President of Inspec, is leading the new office in Rochester, his hometown. Inspec has been providing engineering/architectural services for the building enclosure and pavements including assessments, investigations, design, and construction administration and observation for clients in the Rochester area for over 44 years. ◆

The Bemidji office of **KRAUS-ANDERSON** has completed construction the new \$10 million (phase one) passenger air service terminal building at the Falls International Airport (INL) in International Falls, Minn.

Phase one, which replaces approximately two-thirds of the old terminal, is part of a two-phase project designed by architecture, planning and interiors firm Alliiance to construct a new 17,894-square-foot replacement terminal building.



The newly completed construction features new arrival and departure services with check-in ticketing counters and kiosks, secured gate lounge, baggage handling, passenger boarding bridge, TSA screening area, car rental services and public lobby/ waiting area.

Other key designers for the project include: SEH, ongoing civil engineering services for the commission; LHB for electrical engineering; and Bartlett/ABE/UHL for mechanical engineering.

U.S. Customs provides services at INL, which is a designated international Port of Entry to the United States. Delta, operated by SkyWest Airlines, provides daily service to and from Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport (MSP).

Phase two of the construction -- a separately funded project – will complete the full replacement of the old terminal, and provide new space for U.S. Customs processing, Weather Bureau office, TSA offices and Airport Commission conference room. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2018 and is expected to be completed March of 2019.

The airport built its first runways in 1946 and added a terminal building in 1948, paving the way for the introduction of commercial air service in 1953. A new terminal building was built in 1979, which was dedicated by Vice President Walter Mondale. Following runway extensions over the years, the airport was re-designated in 2011 as Falls International Airport. ◆

KRAUS-ANDERSON (KA) is celebrating the completion of its long-anticipated, new downtown Minneapolis headquarters located at 8th St. and 5th Ave. Employees from throughout the metro are now moving into the 100,000-square-foot campus, which consolidates the company's Twin Cities operations under one roof in a five-story facility.

Kraus-Anderson, which has been headquartered in downtown



Minneapolis since 1897, was led by Lloyd Engelsma, who grew the company into one of the largest construction firms in the country.

"This is a very exciting time for our company," said Bruce Engelsma, chairman of Kraus-Anderson Companies and Lloyd's son. "My father would have been so proud to see this amazing building – a beautiful home for our employees, and a testament to our growth and success in this competitive marketplace."

The new headquarters will accommodate approximately 300 employees, doubling the current downtown staff with room for future expansion on the site. Consolidation will combine employees from the Kraus-Anderson Construction office in Circle Pines, and Kraus-Anderson Realty Company and Kraus-Anderson Development offices in Bloomington. The new building also will house Kraus-Anderson Mortgage, as well as the parent corporation, Kraus-Anderson Companies. Kraus-Anderson Insurance, one of the region's largest privately held independent insurance and risk management firms, will continue to operate from its offices in Burnsville.

"The top priority of consolidating our metro area offices is to provide an innovative culture with greater synergy and collaboration, which will help us position Kraus-Anderson for strategic growth at a time of unprecedented business volume and demand," said Engelsma. "We also are delighted to continue KA's longtime presence in the heart of downtown Minneapolis, and the vibrant Elliot Park Neighborhood and East Town environment."

Mike Hille, executive vice president of Kraus-Anderson Realty & Development, also is looking forward to the increased synergy of one central downtown campus.

"Kraus-Anderson's operations have been working together on a number of high profile projects," said Hille. "Coming together in a single location as 'one KA' will promote a more collaborative environment making planning, communication and execution of our projects more seamless and comprehensive."

KA also believes its new, modern, energy-efficient office environment with leading-edge technology will bring new talent to the company. The state-of-the-art campus will attract, retain and develop diverse talent, nurture

creativity, provide ongoing training and leadership initiatives, and offer health and wellness programs – all in a bustling downtown environment that is appealing to millennials.

One of KA's building configuration objectives was to enlarge and enhance its mission-critical educational training center -- Kraus-Anderson University (KAU) – which provides employees with lifelong learning, grounded through the targeted development of technical and leadership skills. The new training space allows KAU to regularly offer courses to hundreds of architects, engineers, business partners and others working in various areas of construction management.

"For 120 years, Kraus-Anderson has called downtown Minneapolis its home," said Mayor Betsy Hodges, who will help to cut the ribbon at the November 1st celebration. "In that time, they've created so much in the city and state we call home: schools, hospitals, retail centers and countless other landmarks and iconic buildings in the Twin Cities and throughout the State of Minnesota. We are proud to have Kraus-Anderson continue to shape our landscape."

The main entrance to the new corporate headquarters is positioned on the northwest corner of the block so it becomes a natural extension of the downtown business core. The first-floor entrance lobby includes a spacious waiting area, conference rooms and employee cafeteria with large windows for maximum daylight. The first floor also includes the employee fitness center with locker room facilities.

The majority of employee office space is located on floors two through five. An open office concept is used throughout the building, featuring electrically operated workstations, allowing employees to easily change from sitting to standing positions. Cost-effective sustainability, systems and technology measures also include a high-efficiency temperature and equipment monitoring

network, energy-efficient LED lighting, daylight harvesting controls, and large, tint color windows that limit solar heat gain while allowing daylight to penetrate toward the center of the building.

Designed by Pope Architects, amenities also include a rooftop deck, formal and informal meeting areas, and an appealing, well-landscaped exterior. The building also includes two levels of underground parking to serve KA's office employees.

Comprehensive block development

KA teamed with Minneapolisbased ESG Architects to develop the downtown block bounded by Eighth and Ninth streets, Portland and Fifth avenues in the East Town district of Minneapolis. Guided by the Downtown Neighborhood District, the block development provides significant enhancements for the City and the neighborhood, and for KA employees and business partners. It also addresses the Portland Corridor initiative that focuses on the neighborhood's economic, aesthetic, historic and environmental needs, including Elliot Park's master plan with considerations for housing and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes.

The development includes a 17-story, 307-unit multi-family H.Q. apartments, managed by Saturday Properties; The Elliot Park Hotel, an eight-story, 165-unit boutique hotel developed in partnership with KA and part of the Marriott Autograph Collection®; and Finnegans House, an innovative fourstory, 43,500-square-foot production brewery, taproom, Brewer's Den Social Club and innovative "Finnovation Center" for social entrepreneurial ventures. Finnegans and H.Q. apartments are expected to open in the spring of 2018, and The Elliot Park Hotel is expected to open in the summer of 2018. ◆

KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

(KA) has begun construction on Ironclad, a new \$100 million mixeduse development located in the historic Mills District near U.S. Bank Stadium in downtown Minneapolis.

Ironclad is owned by 811 Washington LLC, wholly owned by the Kharbanda family, which owns and operates multiple properties in downtown Minneapolis. The project will redevelop the site that is currently a parking lot and will bring additional housing, hospitality and retail to an important node in the East Town district and the Downtown East Neighborhood.

Designed by St. Paul-based Collage Architects, the private, high-end development will include a 14-story, 172-unit apartment building and an eight-story Moxy branded hotel. Ironclad's plans also include a 3,300-square foot restaurant; 10,000 square feet of retail on the first floor of



the hotel; a four-story, 65,318-squarefoot underground parking garage with room for 411 cars.

Graves Hospitality Corporation is developing the project and will operate the 139-room Moxy Downtown hotel. Moxy is part of a bold new hotel franchise by Marriott Hotels that combines stylish design, approachable service and an affordable price. With exceptionally efficient, smartly designed rooms and dynamic, engaging public spaces for work and play, Moxy Downtown features all the amenities today's free-spirited traveler expects. including outdoor terraces, an open-air, glass pavilion and bar. Inside amenities include a fitness room and yoga studio and business lounge. The Moxy Downtown hotel is Graves' second Moxy property in Minneapolis, joining its first location in Uptown.

The upscale residential apartments will feature private outdoor terraces, sky lounge, and a large amenity deck with green space. The property will also feature a swimming pool, hot tubs, fire pits, cloister garden, and insider amenities include electric vehicle charging stations, bike repair facility and rider lounge, sauna, theater and media center, pool table and gaming, and an on-site property manager.

Construction is expected to be completed in the spring of 2019.

Ironclad History

Ironclad is situated on the site of the former Union Grain Elevator, which was built in 1867 and was one of the earliest and largest wood grain elevators in Minneapolis. The grain mill was used by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway as a connection into the rail facilities in the Mill District. The Ironclad name stems from a fire in the historic building that damaged its original wooden elevator, which was rebuilt with an "iron clad" elevator to better protect the structure against future fires.

In 1884, the company built a viaduct to carry depot-bound trains over

Washington Avenue near 8th Avenue South. The viaduct was demolished in 1984, but remnants of the stone wall that supported the viaduct remain along Washington and Chicago Avenues. Many of the original large stones are being conserved on the site of the new Ironclad development.

More information can be found at ironcladmn.com. ◆



AMERICAN ENGINEERING TESTING (AET) announced today that one of its founders and Chairman TERRANCE

(TERRY) SWOR, PG, is retiring on January 2, 2018. The announcement comes after a planned transition period commensurate with Daniel Larson, PE, being named CEO in 2016.

With Terry serving as its first President, AET flourished within the engineering and environmental communities as well as creating specialized laboratories for chemistry, petrography and material testing. "His passion for exceptional customer service and building meaningful relationships with clients and vendors alike has allowed the organization to grow and excel through considerable market and economic change," said Larson. "AET is stronger than ever thanks to Terry's tireless dedication to the industry and to our employees."

Swor founded AET in 1989 with Donovan Stormoe, PE, Richard (Dick) Stehly, PE and Robert Krogsgaard, CFO as a company focused on being a leading provider of engineering, environmental and materials testing services in the Minneapolis/St. Paul region. Under Swor's leadership, AET grew from a small local firm into an internationally recognized company. The footprint of services AET provides has increased exponentially and only continues to grow, keeping on path with the founder's vision.

A passionate leader, Swor developed strong relationships with a broad base of engineering, architecture and construction firms, and kept AET financially secure throughout his tenure, sharing the organization's success with employees by creating an Employee Stock Ownership Program (ESOP) early on.

Over his 53-year career, Swor has become a leader in the engineering industry and wider community. Swor served as president of the American Institute of Professional Geologists Minnesota/Wisconsin chapter; president of Minnesota Concrete Council; and is an active member in the Minnesota Geotechnical Society and American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). He authored numerous technical publications and presented at professional and technical seminars throughout his career, always looking for ways to advance the geological and engineering profession. He has been the recipient of both the President's Award and Tom Roche Lifetime Achievement Award given annually by ACEC/MN for his dedication to and advocacy for the consulting engineering community. He also received the Richard Stehly Industry Advancement Award by the Minnesota Concrete Council for his dedication and research in the cast-inplace concrete/cement industry.

"AET would like to recognize and thank Terry for his extraordinary leadership and uncompromising drive to create a quality organization during his tenure," says Larson. "All of us in this industry owe Terry much appreciation and gratitude for his commitment to improving the engineering, architecture and construction market, and the communities where we work and live."

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KRAUS-ANDERSON (KA)
DEVELOPMENT COMPANY has
hired commercial investment specialist
MARK MCLANE as director of
real estate. KA Development is an

integrated approach to grow KA's portfolio and address the market's expanding and dynamic commercial real estate activity.



McLane is regarded for his experience in the comprehensive investment analysis of multifamily housing, retail and

commercial development, including market research, project feasibility, financial and strategic planning, site selection and due diligence.

McLane was the owner and partner of Apartment Brokers of Minnesota, Inc., a Twin Cities-based apartment and commercial property investment brokerage firm that focuses in the acquisition and disposition of properties for institutional and private capital clients.

Some of McLane's recent development consulting clients included Lennar Multifamily Communities, Chicago, Ill.; Cardon Development Group, Scottsdale, Ariz.; and Propco Capital Trust, Bloomington, Minn. He also served in senior management positions for Gratus Development Partners, Edina, Minn.; MWF Properties, Richfield, Minn.; and Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services, Bloomington, Minn.

"Mark comes to KA with a full continuum of commercial development experience," said Matt Alexander, senior vice president of Kraus-Anderson Development Company. "His expertise in strategic planning and project feasibility will directly impact our ability to identify and analyze new development opportunities. We are very excited to have Mark join our team."

McLane received his B.B.A. in Comprehensive Marketing and Professional Sales from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. He is a member of the Minnesota MultiHousing Association (MHA) and Minnesota Real Estate Exchangers Club (MREE). ◆



Prior to its closing in 2012, the Best Buy store across from Southdale Shopping Center at 66th & York served as one of the oldest operating stores of the national retail chain. It is being taken down to make way for the construction of 185 luxury apartment homes. ENVi will open in Edina during the summer of 2019, and is a joint venture between Bloomington-based **DORAN COMPANIES** and KM2 Development of Minneapolis.

"We are excited about this living community in Edina. It will offer residents an ideal location and unrivaled amenities," said Doran Companies owner Kelly Doran. "The architectural design will also create a dramatic new entryway into Edina."

The eco-friendly design, created by Doran Architecture, aims to reduce the project's environmental footprint. A white roof will reduce the heat island effect many cities face, native plantings will ensure draught-resistant vegetation and improved run-off protection, increased thermal building design combined with Energy Star® appliances will boost energy efficiency and electric car-charging stations will be available for residents and guests alike.

"We know that our residents – including millennials and empty nesters alike – care a great deal about their environmental footprint," said Anne Behrendt, chief operating officer at Doran companies. "We are dedicated to ensuring this apartment community secures LEED certification because it is the right thing to do."

KM2 principals Mike Mikan and Kurt Krumenauer purchased the Best Buy property and an adjacent single-family home in 2016, and subsequently joined with Doran to develop multi-family housing on the site. ENVi will be constructed by Doran Construction and will be comprised of five levels of studio, alcove, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments and two levels of underground and enclosed parking. In addition, the project will include 13 two-level townhome walk-ups along 66th Street and Xerxes Avenue.

Amenities at ENVI will include a porte cochere for protected drop off and pick up, an indoor entertainment clubroom with full kitchen and a terrace-level outdoor pool with dining areas, grills, bar, fire features, bocce ball and a putting green. Additional amenities include a business center, state-of-theart fitness center, spa and sauna and golf simulator.

ENVi renderings are available at: https://dorancompanies.com/news/#!new-luxury-apartment-community-66th-york-edina ◆



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KRECH, O'BRIEN, MUELLER & ASSOCIATES, a full-service architectural, structural engineering and interior design firm announced today that it is introducing its new brand identity — **KOMA**. Along with the abbreviated name, the firm is also launching a new visual identity.

"At KOMA we believe in bringing fresh ideas and unique insights to each and every project," says Steve Iaria, "The firm has been experiencing accelerated growth over the last several years and with the original founders transitioning the leadership of the firm to our current management team, this seemed like the right time to refresh our brand and name."

Now a 23-member team, KOMA has not only grown its staff, but also continues to take on larger projects and in new industries. Some of KOMA's notable projects of 2016 and 2017 include Lino Lakes Elementary School, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Parkview Event Center, Flyover America at MOA, and Rahr Pilot Brewery and Tech Center.

The firm was founded in 1985 with a goal to serve clients in a wide variety of industries. In 2006 principals Jim Krech, Dan O'Brien and Brady Mueller began a strategic, carefully executed 10-year ownership transition, which is now complete. Longtime employees Marc DuBois, Mike Lisowski, Steve Iaria, Brian Riley and Matt Van Hoof comprise the current management team. Through the evolution and growth KOMA continues to keep true to its founding values and remains committed to serving its clients and building trusted relationships. ◆

PETER CARLSON to head up its development efforts in Denver. Carlson has nearly 35 years of real estate development and construction experience, primarily in executive leadership roles.

"Peter is an exceptional and highly qualified senior executive with a unique combination of expertise in both real estate development and construction," says Tony Kuechle, Senior Vice President of Development for Doran Companies. "Based in Denver, he has significant experience and strong ties to the Colorado community, which aligns with our long-term commitment to grow our Denver operations to mirror what we have accomplished in the Twin Cities."

As one of the fastest-growing real estate development firms in the Upper Midwest, Doran Companies is a trusted leader in development, architecture, construction and property management. Based in Bloomington, Minnesota, the company expanded to Denver last year and is committed to remaining in the market long-term, with several developments currently in negotiations. Doran Companies is currently constructing Ascent, a 456,945 square feet, 255-unit mixeduse, market rate project in Westminster. Construction is set for completion in 2019.

"I am delighted to join the Doran Companies team, where I can continue to live in the vibrant state of Colorado and focus on numerous local development and construction projects, including the Ascent project," says Carlson. "I chose to join Doran Companies because of their long-term commitment to building and developing in Denver, as well as their philosophy that success is driven by delivering exceptional service and forming lasting relationships. This same philosophy defines the metro Denver community."

Carlson, who will serve as Senior
Vice President of Development,
has held senior leadership roles at
organizations like The Opus Group,
Chesapeake Companies and Pathfinder
Companies. He holds a Master of
Business Administration degree, as
well as Bachelor of Science degree from
the University of Minnesota. He is also
an adjunct guest faculty member at
the University of Colorado-Boulder's
MBA program and a member of the
Commercial Real Estate Development
Association (NAIOP) and International
Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). ◆

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