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### **BRC Acoustics & Audiovisual Design (BRC) Is Now Coffman Engineers**

Seattle acoustical firm introduces new service to Northwest clients and expands companywide capabilities

SEATTLE, Washington, September 12, 2023 – Multidiscipline consulting engineering firm Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman) announced today that they have finalized an asset purchase agreement with acoustical consulting firm BRC Acoustics & Audiovisual Design, Inc. (BRC). Coffman welcomes BRC’s president and five staff members to the company. Representatives from both firms finalized the agreement on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

The decision to join Coffman is part of BRC’s ownership transition plan for future retirement while supporting their staff and clients. President Daniel Bruck, PhD, LEED AP BD+C, joins Coffman as a principal advisor. BRC introduces new acoustical services to Coffman’s Northwest clients and expands companywide acoustic capabilities.

“I’ve been fortunate to have been part of BRC’s 60-year legacy, and it’s time for the next chapter. Coffman has similar business values, and I am confident it will be a good fit for my staff and our clients,” said Bruck. “We have some of the same clients, project overlap, and are two long-established firms. We are also joining a growing acoustics team at Coffman and will support these services across the company.”

Coffman and BRC’s experience and markets align, particularly in hospitality, healthcare, housing, and education, providing a smooth transition of projects, clients, and employees. BRC’s capabilities extend Coffman’s acoustical capabilities in performing arts centers, historic renovations, and specialized room acoustics.

“BRC has a rich 63-year history in Seattle, and their influence is heard on projects across the Northwest and internationally. We are fortunate to welcome this experienced team,” said Arvind Nerurkar, PE, SE, Senior VP, and Seattle Managing Principal at Coffman. “We look forward to connecting with new clients and offering a new service to existing clients.”

As Coffman employees, BRC will continue to support their clients and honor project commitments. Their first day in Coffman’s Seattle office was on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The addition of BRC expands Coffman’s acoustical group to 13 employees companywide.



Visit Coffman's website for more information: <https://www.coffman.com/news/brc-acoustics-joins-coffman-engineers/>

### **About Coffman Engineers**

Coffman Engineers is a multidiscipline engineering consulting firm that offers clients local, personalized services by integrating many disciplines, including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, acoustics, and other specialties. Coffman has more than 700 employees in 20 offices across the U.S. committed to the team effort it takes to build a better world. Visit [coffman.com](http://coffman.com) or connect with us on social media.

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## BRC | Acoustics & Audiovisual Design

### BRC Acoustics & Audiovisual Design Is Now Coffman Engineers

Seattle consulting firm expands Coffman's acoustical capabilities

- Seattle-based acoustical and audiovisual consulting firm [BRC Acoustics & Audiovisual Design \(BRC\)](#) has executed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on June 9, 2023 to join [Coffman Engineers, Inc. \(Coffman\)](#).
- BRC expressed interest in joining Coffman as their preferred transition plan as company ownership considers future retirement. A key focus of the transition is providing continuity for clients and employees.
- The agreement between BRC and Coffman comes after due diligence by both firms discussing the benefits and impacts of the opportunity.
- BRC and Coffman's experience and markets align, particularly in hospitality, healthcare, housing, and education.
- The addition of BRC expands Coffman's acoustical and audiovisual capabilities and resources in the Pacific Northwest and companywide.
- BRC finalized an asset purchase agreement with Coffman closing on September 10, 2023.

#### After deal closing:

- BRC President **Daniel Bruck, PhD, LEED AP BD+C** joins Coffman as a Principal Advisor.
- In addition, five (5) BRC employees become Coffman employees. BRC staff join Coffman's Seattle office.
- The addition of BRC expands Coffman's acoustical group to 13 employees companywide.
- After the deal closing, BRC (as Coffman Engineers) will support clients and honor commitments with the same staff and level of service. BRC clients will have access to increased acoustical capacity and additional multidiscipline engineering services from Coffman.

#### Deal Milestones:

- June 9, 2023 - Letter of Intent (LOI) Signed.
- August 24, 2023 - LOI Announcement.
- September 10, 2023 - Deal Closes.
- September 11, 2023 – BRC employees become Coffman employees.
- Post-Closing - Formal client communication about deal completion, assignment of contracts, and other business.

#### About BRC Acoustics & Audiovisual

BRC Acoustics & Audiovisual Design is a pioneering acoustical and audiovisual consulting firm based in Seattle, Washington. With advanced degrees in acoustics, the highest professional standards, and an international catalogue of field experience, BRC has a long history of industry leadership in the field of acoustical consulting and design. In any given week, you will find BRC

staff in a historic theater, on a remote logging road, in an aircraft factory, on the rooftop of a 20-story building, or in a design meeting for a museum or historic renovation such as the Space Needle.

- Years in Business: 63 years
  - 35 years as Towne, Richards, Chaudiere (TRC)
  - 28 years as BRC since Daniel Bruck became president in 1995.
- Employees: 6

### **About Coffman Engineers, Inc.**

Coffman Engineers integrates many engineering disciplines and specialty services and offers clients the local, personalized service of a small firm backed by the capabilities typically found with large engineering consultants. Coffman began as a seven-person structural firm in 1979 and has grown in geographic presence, markets, and engineering services. Today, Coffman is proud to be an *ENR* Top 500 engineering firm while remaining true to founding values and focusing on the success of clients and employees.

Coffman's Northwest Region includes four offices located in Seattle, Burlington, Spokane, and Portland. The Northwest Region offices offer civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection engineering, acoustics, industrial, commissioning, land surveying, bridge, and water resource design for projects throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

- Years in Business: 43
- Employees in Seattle: 83
- Employees Companywide: 741
- Office Locations Companywide: 20