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MBF Audiovisual & Acoustical Consulting Joins Coffman Engineers

Enhances Coffman's services with the addition of audiovisual capabilities

SEATTLE, Washington, January 14, 2025 – Multidiscipline consulting engineering firm Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman) announced that MBF Audiovisual & Acoustical Consulting, LLC (MBF), a Seattle-based firm specializing in audio, video, control, and acoustical solutions has joined Coffman through an asset purchase agreement on December 31, 2024. MBF principal John R. Hardwick joins Coffman as Principal Advisor.

Audiovisual is a new service to Coffman, complementing existing acoustic and electrical engineering services. Coffman and MBF have worked together on projects for several years. This integration creates a powerhouse team of audiovisual and acoustical consultants, enhancing the ability to deliver comprehensive multidiscipline solutions to clients.

"I have worked closely with Coffman's Seattle acoustics team, including BRC Acoustics, before they joined Coffman. I look forward to expanding our audiovisual services to new clients and markets across Coffman's offices," said John Hardwick.

MBF clients will continue to work directly with John Hardwick and benefit from Coffman's expanded capacity and capabilities, including access to 14 acoustical consultants and multidiscipline engineering services.

"John's character, experience, and dedication to client service make him a great addition to the Coffman team. We are excited to continue supporting MBF clients and offer comprehensive audiovisual services to Coffman's clients," said Fred Barker, SE, Managing Principal, Seattle.

John Hardwick has over 30 years of experience in the audio industry, starting in the U.S. Navy as a communications electrician and then in various private businesses before establishing MBF in 2003. His work includes performing arts spaces, theaters, houses of worship, education, state and federal government, indoor and outdoor sports venues, and municipal civic campuses.

For more information visit www.coffman.com/news/mbf-audiovisual-acoustical-consulting-joins-coffman-engineers/

About Coffman Engineers, Inc.

Coffman Engineers is a multidiscipline engineering consulting firm dedicated to providing clients with local, personalized services. We integrate a wide range of



disciplines, including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and other specialties, to deliver comprehensive solutions. With over 900 employees across 23 offices in the US, Coffman is committed to teamwork and innovation, striving to build a better world. For more information, visit coffman.com.

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FACT SHEET: MBF AUDIOVISUAL & ACOUSTICAL CONSULTING JOINS COFFMAN ENGINEERS

Coffman Engineers has expanded its services by adding audiovisual capabilities and enhancing acoustical consulting services through the integration of MBF Audiovisual & Acoustical Consulting.

Highlights

- ▶ **MBF Audiovisual & Acoustical Consulting** (MBF), Seattle-based audiovisual and acoustical consulting firm joined **Coffman Engineers, Inc.** (Coffman) on December 31, 2024.
- ▶ MBF specializes in audio, video, control, and acoustical solutions for clients across the country.
- ▶ **John R. Hardwick** from MBF, a Limited Liability Company, joins Coffman as a Principal Advisor with over 30 years of experience in the audiovisual industry.

What This Means

- ▶ **For MBF Clients:** Continued collaboration with John Hardwick.
- ▶ **For Coffman Engineers:** Introduction of audiovisual services, complementing existing acoustics and electrical engineering services.
- ▶ **Enhanced Capabilities:** Access to a team of 14 acoustical consultants across the country, providing greater capacity and capabilities.
- ▶ **Strengthened Services:** Comprehensive audiovisual services that complement Coffman's multidiscipline capabilities.

A Collaborative Partnership

- ▶ Coffman and MBF have worked together on projects for several years.
- ▶ This integration solidifies the partnership, reinforces stability, and creates a powerhouse team of audiovisual and acoustical consultants.

Milestone Dates

December 31, 2024

Deal closing

January 1, 2025

First day as Coffman Engineers

January 14, 2025

Closing Announcement

Coffman Engineers + MBF

14

Audiovisual + Acoustical
Consultants

900+

Staff Companywide



COMBINING STRONG FIRMS

Shared commitment to high-quality and personalized audiovisual and acoustical consulting services.



STRONG WORKING PARTNERSHIP

Longstanding relationships and working experience together.



NATIONAL CAPABILITIES

Commitment to providing nationally recognized acoustical consulting capabilities and access to regional support.

MBF JOINS COFFMAN ENGINEERS

Audio Video Systems Capabilities

Audio, video, and control systems work together in most applications to simplify the operation of the environment.

Working closely with the architect, owner, and operator, key features of each system are identified and documentation can be provided from schematic design through construction or bid documents. We maintain a variety of equipment to facilitate testing each system and documenting the performance of the system design.

We are familiar with the design and integration of the following systems types:

- ▶ Sound Reinforcement
- ▶ Audio Mixing (Digital and Analog)
- ▶ Automatic Microphone Mixing Systems
- ▶ Networked Audio Distribution
- ▶ ADA Space Compliance for Audio
- ▶ Production Intercom
- ▶ Back of House Paging Systems
- ▶ Archival Recording Equipment
- ▶ Broadcast Video Suite Design
- ▶ Video Projection Systems
- ▶ Remote Control Camera Systems
- ▶ LED Video Wall Design
- ▶ Camera Tally Systems
- ▶ Video Conference Systems
- ▶ Video Presentation Systems
- ▶ Camera Capture - NDI, SDI

About Coffman Engineers

Coffman Engineers integrates many engineering disciplines and specialty services to offer 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 Top500 engineering firm while remaining true to founding values and focusing on the success of clients and employees.

Coffman's Seattle office offers acoustics, audiovisual, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical engineering, and commissioning. The office collaborates with Coffman's 22 other office locations to offer multidiscipline engineering services nationwide.

- ▶ Years in business: 45

About MBF Audiovisual & Acoustical Consulting

Based in Seattle, John R. Hardwick specializes in audio, video, control, and acoustical solutions for clients across the country. John has over 30 years of experience working in the audio industry for his entire career starting with time in the Navy as a communications electrician followed by Dimensional Communications, Proline Industries, AEI Music, and Northshore Marketing until establishing MBF in 2003.

Clients include performing arts spaces, theaters, houses of worship, education, state and federal government, indoor and outdoor sports venues including arena sports, outdoor sport stadiums and recreational complex venues and municipal civic campus work including courts and council chambers.

- ▶ Years in business: 22



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