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## Coffman Celebrates 30 Years!

February 2, 2009 marked the official 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Coffman Engineers. Beginning as Coffman White in 1979, the company was located in Bellevue, Wash. with Callison Architects and Nordstrom among its first clients.

In 1980, Coffman Engineers invested in the Alaska economy and opened an office in Anchorage, Ala. The company benefitted from oil-industry revenue, both on private and governmental levels. Coffman Engineers was a significant contributor to the development of literally hundreds of infrastructure projects throughout the state through funding derived from the oil development.

Coffman Engineers' first project from the Anchorage office was structural engineering for the Anchorage International Airport terminal. The firm quickly expanded into multidiscipline projects for the North Slope Borough and other projects throughout Alaska. A significant highlight project was the Kuparuk Industrial Center, a \$65 million industrial facility in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. The firm provided mechanical, electrical, and structural engineering and project/construction management services for this project, which was done from both the Anchorage and Bellevue offices. The Bellevue office primarily supported the Alaska office's engineering efforts during the boom in the 1980's. Founder, David Coffman, recognized the need to diversify so that the firm was not totally dependent on the Alaskan market. In pursuit of that goal, Coffman Engineers merged with the Seattle firm of Valentine, Fisher & Tomlinson (VFT) Consulting Engineers in 1984. VFT was the largest mechanical & electrical firm in the Pacific Northwest with a rich history of projects, especially in healthcare and office buildings. Through this merger, Coffman Engineers also gained expertise in the design of commercial, institutional and educational facilities. In November 1985, Coffman Engineers' Bellevue and Seattle (VFT) offices consolidated their operations in downtown Seattle.

In July of 1995, Coffman Engineers merged with the Spokane structural engineering firm of Peden•Petersen•Lee, P.S. (PPL). Dave Coffman moved to Spokane, spearheading the addition of mechanical and electrical engineering, and project/construction management services.

Saif Hussain, owner of SHA Engineers, a structural firm in Southern California, joined Coffman Engineers in May of 2001 as a principal. Saif brought the southern West Coast market exposure, but more importantly, a distinct and valuable expertise in the structural design of buildings related to seismic strength.

Since incorporation in 1979, Coffman Engineers has thrived on what Mr. Coffman once called "dispersity." This is the benefit of geographic markets and the diverse project base we pursue. Coffman Engineers has an outstanding record of continuing growth, expansion of services offered, and of providing top quality services to our clients. The growth and reputation of the Company are the direct outcome of individual efforts and close cooperation by all employees and principals. Coffman Engineers' future success depends upon the continuation of these efforts and adherence to the highest professional standards and ideals, as well as creating career and personal growth opportunities for its employees.

For 30 years, Coffman Engineers has provided civil, structural, industrial mechanical, process piping, commercial mechanical, electrical engineering and controls, lighting, project management, and corrosion control engineering. The company collaborates on large, small, and diverse projects from commercial to industrial work as a prime or sub-consultant with offices in Spokane and Seattle, Wash., Los Angeles, Calif., and Anchorage, Ala.