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## **Coffman Engineers Promotes Scott Twele, James Conley, Casey Whitsett to Principal**

Leadership Promotions Will Support Growth of the San Diego Firm

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 9, 2018) – Coffman Engineers, Inc. (“Coffman”) is pleased to announce the promotion of Scott Twele, PE, DBIA, James R. Conley, SE, and Casey Whitsett, SE, to Principal.

These promotions follow the recent merger of Coffman and structural engineering firm, Hope-Amundson, in November 2017. The three new principals join two others in San Diego, Chuck Hope and Jim Amundson. “The leadership of these new principals allows Coffman to continue our strategic focus to offer clients more services and strengthen our presence in the Southern California market. It’s also our honor to bring James and Casey on as leaders from Hope-Amundson and to promote Scott to Principal. We’re excited to see the great work they will do as a team,” said Dave Ruff, President and CEO of Coffman Engineers.

**Scott Twele, PE, DBIA** is the General Manager of the San Diego office and has more than 17 years of experience as a fire protection engineer. Scott joined Coffman in 2016 to lead the company’s expansion in Southern California by opening a new office location in San Diego. Since then, the firm has grown to include 43 professionals in two locations in San Diego and a satellite office in Orange County.

Scott has spent much of his career in San Diego advising design and construction teams, and owners on compliance with local and international fire safety codes and standards. His areas of focus include healthcare, aircraft hangars, higher-education, laboratories, high-rise buildings, and detention and correction facilities. He has significant design-build experience and has supported more than 200 design-build projects in the past five years.

Scott attended the University of Maryland and received a Bachelor of Science degree in fire protection engineering and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Redlands.

**James R. Conley, SE** is a structural engineer and joined Coffman as part of the merger with Hope-Amundson where he served as a Vice President. James has more than 17 years of experience designing and managing high-tech/biotech concrete structures, parking structures, education, mixed-use, residential, and hospitality clients. He is active in the structural engineering community and actively serves on industry boards.

James earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering with an emphasis in structural engineering from Georgia Tech and a Master of Science in structural engineering from the University of California, San Diego.

**Casey Whitsett, SE** is a structural engineer and joined Coffman as part of the merger with Hope-Amundson where he also served as a Vice President. Casey has more than 13 years of experience including structural design and project management on complex higher education, hospitality, and commercial projects. Casey is active in the local structural engineering community, currently serving on the board of directors for the Structural Engineers Association of San Diego.

Casey attended the University of California, San Diego where he received a Bachelor and Master of Science in structural engineering.

Together, these professionals are managing dozens of projects in the San Diego area. A few notable projects include:

- SpaceX – Design for the Big Falcon Rocket building at the Port of Los Angeles that will allow for rocket and spaceship transportation in space.
- San Diego Zoo Rex Roar- 30-foot long iconic bronze lion adorning the World-Famous San Diego Zoo main entrance.
- BioLegend a Biotech & Life Science company in San Diego Phase 2 design of a new 4-story building, a 7-story parking garage, and the renovation of an existing 2-story building.

Read the principal announcements and complete bios on Coffman's [website](#).

Read about the Hope-Amundson merger [here](#).

### **About Coffman Engineers**

Coffman Engineers celebrates 39 years of providing clients with multidiscipline engineering solutions and is ranked at #198 in *Engineering News-Record's* 2017 Top 500 Design Firms list. Our services include civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, commissioning, process piping, instrumentation and controls, corrosion control, alternative and renewable energy, and land surveying. Coffman has more than 450 employees serving clients across the U.S. and overseas from offices in Anchorage, Alaska; Atlanta, Georgia; Bay Area, Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego, California; Bozeman, Montana; Charleston, South Carolina; Fulton, Maryland; Hagatna, Guam; Honolulu, Hawaii; Hood River, Oregon; Burlington, Seattle, and Spokane, Washington.

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