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## **Coffman Engineers Announces Hope-Amundson Merger**

**San Diego Structural Engineering Firm is now Coffman Engineers**

SAN DIEGO, CA (November 7, 2017) – Coffman Engineers, Inc. (“Coffman”) and San Diego-based structural engineering firm, Hope-Amundson, Inc. (“Hope-Amundson”), announced today that they have merged to become Coffman. The merger was finalized on October 27, 2017.

On August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Hope-Amundson signed a letter of intent to merge with Coffman. Since that time, the firms have come to a merger agreement that aligns with Hope-Amundson’s goals to find a transition plan that works for their staff and clients, and was the right cultural fit.

“It was obvious that both firm cultures align closely and that was something very important to us,” said Chuck Hope, Principal, Hope-Amundson.

This merger expands Coffman’s multidiscipline engineering service offerings in Southern California by adding structural engineering to Coffman’s San Diego office. Hope-Amundson’s 33 employees have joined the San Diego office which now has 40 employees and the largest structural department at Coffman. The Hope-Amundson staff will remain in their current office and eventually join Coffman’s San Diego staff in a single office location.

Hope-Amundson’s Orange County office has four structural engineers and is an important new addition to Coffman. This location strategically expands Coffman’s reach in Southern California and will eventually offer multidiscipline engineering services.

Chuck Hope and Jim Amundson from Hope-Amundson will join Coffman as principals. They join current general manager Scott Twele of Coffman’s San Diego office to support Coffman’s continued commitment to San Diego and the greater Southern California marketplace.

“The best deals are the win-win. We will strategically help Coffman with their Southern California presence and for Hope-Amundson, this allows us to join a larger firm, offer our clients more services, and look for opportunities in other areas,” said Jim Amundson, Principal, Hope-Amundson.

Dave Ruff, President of Coffman Engineers said, “There’s a lot of respect involved when putting two companies together. It’s part of who we are to honor Chuck and Jim and the business they have built. [...] We want to respect their clients, their staff, and their marketplace just like we are them.”

For more information, including an announcement video, fact sheet, and list of leadership, visit our announcement webpage: <http://www.coffman.com/home/hope-amundson-is-now-coffman/>

### **About Coffman Engineers**

Coffman Engineers celebrates 38 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 over 470 employees supporting clients across the U.S. and overseas from 14 offices. For additional firm information, please visit [www.coffman.com](http://www.coffman.com) or follow us on Twitter @CoffmanEngineer and LinkedIn @Coffman Engineers.

### **About Hope-Amundson**

With over 80 years of family history in engineering and architecture in San Diego, the Hope family has built a respected legacy. Chuck Hope founded Hope Engineering in 1993 and in 1999 was joined by Jim Amundson. Together they have built the company to be a leader in the structural engineering industry. Hope-Amundson is a full-service structural engineering firm providing services for new building designs, renovations, and tenant improvements for public and private clients. Hope-Amundson has 33 engineers and support staff with offices in San Diego and Orange County.

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## ***A Bright Future Together in San Diego: Hope-Amundson is now Coffman Engineers***

- Hope-Amundson finalized a merger with Coffman Engineers on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Hope-Amundson's two office locations and 33 employees will be part of Coffman from that date. Specific terms of the deal are not being disclosed.
- Previously announced on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Hope-Amundson signed a letter of intent to merge with Coffman Engineers.
- The two firms have had ongoing communication about the possibility of a merger since the beginning of the year. After due diligence by both firms and meetings to discuss the opportunity, Hope-Amundson decided to merge with Coffman.
- Hope-Amundson will maintain their current office spaces for at least a year due to lease agreements for both firms. After that time, the San Diego staff will come together in a single location.
- Hope-Amundson's Orange County office and staff of four is an important new addition to Coffman, continuing to offer structural engineering services and eventually multidiscipline services. The office will continue to be managed by Christopher Haight from Hope-Amundson.
- Hope-Amundson will continue to support their clients and contractual commitments with the same staff and level of quality clients have come to expect.
- Scott Twele will continue to be the General Manager of the San Diego office and Coffman is honored to welcome Chuck Hope and Jim Amundson from Hope-Amundson as new principals to support the office.

### ***Deal Milestones***

- August 31, 2017 Letter of Intent
- October 27, 2017 Final signing and Hope-Amundson employees become Coffman employees
- 2019 (tentative) Staff comes together in one San Diego location.

### ***About Hope-Amundson***

With 80 years of family history in engineering and architecture in San Diego, Chuck Hope worked for Hope Architects and Engineers before founding Hope Engineering in 1993. Jim Amundson's arrival in 1999 strengthened the firm's leadership and increased their depth of expertise. Hope-Amundson is a full-service structural engineering firm with a deep bench of licensed engineers. They are celebrated as leaders in the structural engineering industry and in San Diego.

Hope-Amundson performs earthquake engineering, peer reviews, design-build engineering, value engineering, due diligence reports, feasibility studies, seismic retrofits and seismic certifications across a wide variety of markets.

- Years in Business: 24
- Total Employees: 33
- Offices: San Diego and Orange County (Newport Beach)

### ***About Coffman Engineers***

Coffman Engineers is proud to celebrate 38 years of providing clients with multidiscipline engineering services including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, process piping, instrumentation and controls, corrosion control engineering, project management, commissioning, and land survey services. The firm's successful history is propelled by their mission to see success through their client's success. Coffman Engineers offers clients an unwavering commitment to excellence in our services through our strategic office locations.

- Years in Business: 38
- Coffman Employees Companywide Post Merger: 470
- Total Offices: 14

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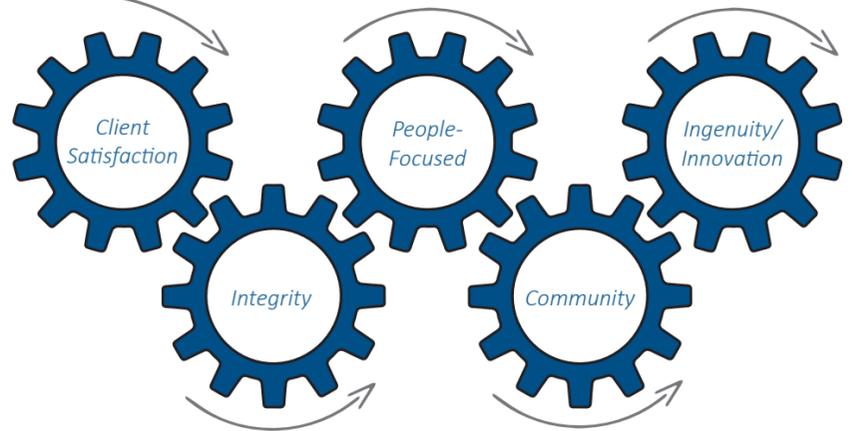
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### Shared Culture and Values

*Hope-Amundson's Mission:* To build strong relationships and provide cost-effective structural solutions.

*Coffman Engineers' Mission:* To empower our team to deliver innovative engineering solutions focused on our clients' success.



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### Strategic Vision

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<p><b>Augments Southern California Growth</b></p> <p>Hope-Amundson has deep roots in San Diego and knows the intricacies of the market. Chuck Hope and Jim Amundson join as Principals.</p>	<p><b>Clients First</b></p> <p>Hope-Amundson will continue to support their clients and contractual commitments with the same staff and quality services.</p>	<p><b>Dynamic Staff</b></p> <p>Hope-Amundson's 33 employees will join Coffman's San Diego office managed by Scott Twele, General Manager.</p>	<p><b>Multidiscipline Services</b></p> <p>Hope-Amundson brings structural engineering to Coffman's San Diego team of fire protection and electrical engineers.</p>	<p><b>Statewide Growth Opportunities</b></p> <p>Hope-Amundson's San Diego and Orange County offices join Coffman's Los Angeles and Oakland locations.</p>	<p><b>Market Opportunities</b></p> <p>Hope-Amundson and Coffman share similarities with clients and markets. Together, we have new opportunities to explore.</p>
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### Deal Milestones

August 31, 2017 Letter of Intent Signed	October 27, 2017 Deal expected to close	October 30, 2017 Hope-Amundson employees are Coffman employees	2019 (TBD) Staff comes together in one San Diego location
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### Coffman Engineers by the Numbers

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▲ Coffman + ▲ Hope-Amundson  
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