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Coffman Engineers Announces ABBOTT Engineering Merger

San Diego Mechanical Engineering Firm to Join Multidiscipline Consulting Firm

SAN DIEGO, California, August 21, 2019 -- Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman), a national multidiscipline engineering firm, announced they have reached a definitive merger agreement with San Diego-based, ABBOTT Engineering (ABBOTT). The merger deal will close on September 13, 2019.

The addition of ABBOTT expands Coffman's engineering service offerings in California by adding mechanical engineering and strengthens their portfolio in commercial, government, higher education, K-12 schools, industrial, and residential services.

Coffman and ABBOTT have partnered on projects for several years and in early 2018 started discussing a merger. ABBOTT's service offerings, values, and culture align naturally with Coffman and both firms agreed that merging would benefit clients and provide opportunities for employees.

"Partnering with Coffman Engineers allows ABBOTT Engineering to continue to provide mechanical and plumbing engineering to our clients and also offer additional multidiscipline services," said Louis Abbott, ABBOTT Engineering Owner. "It also allows us to look toward expanding our services in California. It was important for us to find a partner that shares the same vision, culture, and technical excellence and we found that in Coffman."

ABBOTT's 11 employees will join Coffman's San Diego office for a combined staff of 62. Louis Abbott will become the Mechanical Principal and joins Scott Twele, Managing Principal and six additional Principal owners.

"I am excited to be joining forces with Louis Abbott and his team. He is a great guy and built a company with an outstanding reputation of technical excellence and service to their clients," said Dave Ruff, Coffman Engineers, President and CEO. "I am particularly excited about ABBOTT Engineering being the first mechanical group in California. I can't think of a better suited team to lead this effort."

For more information, including an [announcement video](#), fact sheet, and list of leadership, visit our [announcement page](#).



Highlights of this deal:

- Agreement signed on August 14, 2019.
- Closing on September 13, 2019.
- ABBOTT's first day as Coffman Engineers, September 16, 2019.

About ABBOTT Engineering

Since 2007, ABBOTT Engineering has provided high quality, environmentally friendly, and cost-conscious mechanical engineering design and consulting solutions. ABBOTT is a Certified Commissioning Authority by the AABC Commissioning Group, has Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) AP professionals on staff, and registered Professional Engineers in Hawaii, California, and Missouri.

ABBOTT has proudly retained most of their engineering team since the beginning, a testament to their culture of a healthy work-life balance, offering continual learning, creating a sense of team, and promoting from within.

About Coffman Engineers

Coffman Engineers is celebrating 40 years of providing clients with multidiscipline engineering solutions including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, commissioning, process piping, instrumentation and controls, corrosion control, alternative and renewable energy, and land surveying. Coffman's 526 employees serve 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; and Burlington, Seattle, and Spokane, Washington. For firm information, visit coffman.com or follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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Joining Forces for an Exciting Future Together

ABBOTT Engineering is now Coffman Engineers

- ABBOTT Engineering will finalize an asset purchase agreement with Coffman Engineers on September 13, 2019. Specific terms of the asset purchase are not being disclosed.
- The two firms have had ongoing communication about the possibility of a merger since early 2018. After due diligence by both firms and meetings to discuss the benefits and impacts of the opportunity, ABBOTT decided to join with Coffman.
- ABBOTT's 11 employees will be part of Coffman from Monday, September 16, 2019.
- ABBOTT employees will move to Coffman's Mission Valley office by the end of September.
- ABBOTT and Coffman's electrical engineering department under the leadership of Principal Joe Dews, have been working together for several years. They will continue to offer clients MEP services under one roof with the option for support from Coffman's other disciplines.
- ABBOTT will continue to support clients and honor commitments with the same staff and level of quality clients have come to expect.
- Scott Twele will continue to be the Managing Principal of the San Diego office. Coffman is honored to welcome Louis Abbott, Owner of ABBOTT Engineering as a Principal.
- [Video Announcement](#)

Deal Milestones

- May 31, 2019 Letter of Intent.
- September 13, 2019 Final Closing.
- September 16, 2019 ABBOTT employees become Coffman employees.
- End of September 2019 (tentative) ABBOTT employees move to Coffman's Mission Valley office.

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- Years in Business: 12 Years
- Employees: 11
- Office: Cardiff, CA

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Coffman Engineers is proud to celebrate 40 years of providing multidiscipline engineering services including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, process piping, instrumentation and controls, corrosion control engineering, commissioning, and land surveying services. Coffman began as a seven-person structural firm in 1979 and since that time the firm has experienced significant growth in geographic presence, markets, and engineering services. Today, Coffman is among the top engineering consulting firms as a result of remaining true to founding values and focusing on the success of clients and employees.

- Years in Business: 40
- Employees Companywide: 526
- Office Locations: 16



Available Digital Media



Announcement Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rd_EJ-7uvY&feature=youtu.be



High-quality Headshots for Louis Abbott, Scott Twele, Dave Ruff



L to R: Louis Abbott, Owner, Abbott Engineering and Dave Ruff, President and CEO, Coffman Engineers signing agreement for ABBOTT Engineering to join Coffman Engineers.



L to R: Scott Twele, Managing Principal, Coffman Engineers San Diego; Louis Abbott, Owner, Abbott Engineering; Dave Ruff, President and CEO, Coffman Engineers; Joe Dews, Electrical Principal, Coffman Engineers San Diego.