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## **ECS, Inc. Is Now Coffman Engineers**

Honolulu electrical engineering firm expands Coffman's Pacific Region capabilities

HONOLULU, Hawaii, May 14, 2024 – Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman) announced today an asset purchase agreement with electrical engineering firm ECS, Inc. (ECS). Representatives from both firms signed the deal on May 8, 2024. This strategic partnership brings together the experience of both firms. Coffman welcomes ECS's two owners, Michele Adolpho, PE, and Timothy Higa, PE, founder Lennox Nishimura, PE, and seven staff members to the company.

Established in 1980, ECS's legacy of electrical engineering consulting has deep roots in Hawaii and the Pacific. ECS's decision to join Coffman focuses on providing continuity of client services and long-term career opportunities for employees.

"Tim and I have had great long careers at ECS. This opportunity allows us to continue serving clients the way we have in addition to the added resources Coffman can provide," said Adolpho, ECS President.

"Coffman supports their workers, and that was important to us. We wanted to be sure our staff will have good career opportunities while allowing Michele and I to concentrate more on engineering and mentoring," said Higa, ECS Vice President.

ECS and Coffman's experience and markets align, particularly in federal, education, transportation, civic, and local government. Leadership and staff across both firms have longstanding relationships and strong partnership experience. This provides a foundation for a smooth transition of projects, clients, and employees.

"Bringing ECS together with Coffman is like bringing together a team of good friends. Staff at both firms have worked together on projects for many years, some for over 30 years. It's an honor to welcome ECS to Coffman and continue their 44-year legacy," said John Thielst, Senior Vice President, and Pacific Regional Manager for Coffman.

As Coffman, ECS will continue to support clients and honor project commitments with the same staff and quality. ECS moved to Coffman's Honolulu office on May 13, 2024. Together, ECS and Coffman provide clients with increased electrical engineering capacity and capabilities in civil, structural, mechanical, and fire protection engineering. The addition of ECS expands Coffman's Pacific Regional electrical engineering group to 26 employees.



See the deal fact sheet and Coffman's website for more information:

<https://www.coffman.com/news/ecs-joins-coffman-engineers/>

### **About Coffman Engineers**

Coffman Engineers is a multidiscipline engineering consulting firm that offers clients local, personalized services by integrating many disciplines including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and other specialties. Coffman has 800+ employees in 21 offices across the U.S. committed to the team effort it takes to build a better world. This year, Coffman is celebrating 45 years in business.

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## FACT SHEET: ECS, INC. IS NOW COFFMAN ENGINEERS

Honolulu electrical engineering firm expands Coffman's capabilities

Together, Coffman Engineers (Coffman) and ECS enable stronger electrical engineering capabilities for clients throughout the Pacific Region and Asia while providing long-term career opportunities for employees.

### Highlights

- ▶ Honolulu-based electrical engineering consulting firm ECS, Inc. has executed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on December 1, 2023, to join [Coffman Engineers, Inc.](#)
- ▶ The focus of the transition is to provide continuity in services for clients and long-term career opportunities for employees.
- ▶ Leadership and staff across both firms have longstanding relationships and strong working partnerships on projects.
- ▶ ECS immediately increases Coffman's electrical engineering resources and expands capabilities in the Pacific Region and companywide.
- ▶ Both firms share market focus and project experience in federal, state, city (municipal), education, and transportation.
- ▶ ECS finalized an asset purchase agreement with Coffman on May 8, 2024.

### After Closing

- ▶ ECS principals join Coffman: **Michele Adolpho, PE**, as Principal, **Timothy Higa, PE**, as Principal Advisor, and Founder **Lennox Nishimura, PE**, as Principal Advisor.
- ▶ In addition to Michele, Tim, and Lennox, seven (7) ECS staff become Coffman employees and join the Honolulu office.
- ▶ ECS (as Coffman) will support clients and honor commitments with the same staff and attentive service.
- ▶ ECS clients will have access to increased electrical capacity and additional multidiscipline engineering services.

### Milestone Dates

#### December 1, 2023

Letter of Intent (LOI) Signed

#### January 16, 2024

LOI Announcement

#### May 8, 2024

Deal Closes

#### May 13, 2024

ECS first day as Coffman

#### May 14, 2024

Closing Announcement

### Coffman Engineers + ECS

# 26

Electrical Engineers + Designers

# 98

Honolulu/Guam Staff

# 820+

Staff Companywide



#### COMBINING STRONG FIRMS

Shared commitment to high-quality services and a caring, friendly work culture.



#### STRONG WORKING PARTNERSHIP

Longstanding relationships and working experience together across all engineering disciplines.



#### LOCAL STAFF, NATIONAL REACH

Commitment to preserving local career opportunities while providing regional and national client support.

# ECS IS NOW COFFMAN

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## About Coffman Engineers

Coffman 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 since grown in geographic presence, markets, and engineering services. Today, Coffman is proud to be an *ENR* Top 500 engineering firm while remaining true to founding values and focusing on the success of clients and employees.

Coffman's Pacific Region includes two offices located in Honolulu, Hawaii and Guam offering civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, and fire protection engineering for projects throughout the Pacific, Japan, Korea, and beyond.

- ▶ Pacific Region Staff: 98
- ▶ Years in Business: 45

## About ECS

Established in 1980, ECS is a consulting engineering firm providing electrical engineering services in Hawaii and the Pacific Basin, including Guam, Saipan, Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau. With deep roots in Hawaii's community, Michele Adolpho, PE, and Tim Higa, PE, have continued their commitment to high-quality services, which co-founder Lennox Nishimura established. The firm's services include planning, engineering design, design drawings, specifications, cost estimates, construction administration, and studies/reports.

- ▶ Staff: 10
- ▶ Years in Business: 44



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