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Coffman Engineers Announces 2026 Associates and Strategic Leadership Promotions

Summary: Coffman Engineers recognized twelve new Associates and announced strategic leadership promotions supporting the firm's national energy and federal markets and long-term growth.

SPOKANE, Washington, April 29, 2026 -- Coffman Engineers, Inc. (Coffman), a multidiscipline consulting engineering firm, is pleased to announce its 2026 class of Associates, along with several strategic leadership promotions that support the firm's evolving national endeavors.

Twelve Associates from across Coffman's offices were recognized for their leadership and meaningful contributions to the firm. Launched in 2025, the Associate program honors professionals who lead locally and whose impact helps drive Coffman's continued growth as a national firm.

"One of the things I appreciate most about Coffman is the strength of our people," said Dave Ruff, PE, CEO/COB. "Our Associates represent leaders who consistently step up for their teams, their clients, and the firm, and their contributions make a real difference across Coffman."

Coffman recognizes the 2026 class of Associates:

- Lee Bolling, PE - Senior Project Manager, Mechanical Engineering (Anchorage)
- Tom DeMasi, PE - Senior Discipline Manager, Fire Protection Engineering (Bay Area)
- Dave Helsing - Senior Project Manager, Mechanical Engineering - Industrial (Spokane)
- Chandler Hershberger, PE - Discipline Manager, Electrical Engineering (Raleigh)
- Chris Horgan, PE - Senior Discipline Engineer, Civil Engineering (Honolulu)
- Jonathan Maxwell, PE - Senior Discipline Engineer, Electrical Engineering (Seattle)
- Martin Miller, PE - Senior Project Manager, Mechanical Engineering (Anchorage)
- David Phillips, PE - Senior Discipline Engineer, Fire Protection Engineering (San Diego)
- Navid Rafati - Senior Consultant, CCUS and Hydrogen (Los Angeles Woodland Hills)
- Paul Stuart, PE - Senior Discipline Engineer, Mechanical Engineering (San Diego)
- Daniel Updegrove, PE - Discipline Engineer, Mechanical Engineering (Spokane)
- Steve Whitman, PE - Senior Discipline Manager, Fire Protection Engineering (D.C. Metro)



Coffman also announced leadership promotions aligned with the firm's long-term growth strategies. Jeff Gries, PE, has been appointed Chief Program Officer, a newly created role focused on advancing Coffman's national programs and organizational business initiatives. Justin Freeman, PE, was named Vice President of Energy to unify the firm's approach and strengths across Oil and Gas, CCUS & H2, and Alternative Energy. Brent Little, PE, was promoted to Vice President and continues to lead Coffman's Federal sector.

For more information visit <https://www.coffman.com/news/coffman-announces-2026-associates-and-strategic-promotions/>.

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