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# Burns & McDonnell Designs Its Next Phase of Growth in Downtown Columbus

*Growing energy-sector demand drives Downtown expansion with capacity for over 45 additional jobs*

**Columbus, OH —** Burns & McDonnell helps clients design and build the infrastructure that powers modern life. Growing demand from the energy sector is now driving the firm's own next phase in Columbus. Pending local approval, it will relocate to a larger Downtown office, providing room to accommodate over 45 additional jobs as the business grows.

The 100% employee-owned firm is building on a team of 120 existing employees while creating capacity for future job growth and continued investment in the region's talent pipeline.

The move will take Burns & McDonnell from its current Arena District office to a larger space at Two Miranova Place. The new office will give its employee-owners room to grow while keeping the firm close to clients across Central Ohio.

Burns & McDonnell opened its Columbus office in 2017 after more than two decades of project work in Ohio. The local team has since grown to 120 employees and become an important part of the firm's statewide presence.

"Our clients are investing at a scale that demands more from our team, and Columbus gives us the talent and connectivity to grow with them," said Darrell Butler, Vice President at Burns & McDonnell. "The new office will create room for our employee-owners to collaborate on increasingly complex work while staying close to the clients we serve. We have built strong momentum here and Columbus is central to our future in Ohio."

Rising energy demand is creating new investment across the Columbus Region and increasing the need for infrastructure that can support it. Burns & McDonnell has spent more than 125 years helping clients meet challenges like these. Its engineers help clients expand power generation, modernize the transmission networks that carry electricity across communities, and

solve their most challenging water infrastructure needs. They also design and build resilient infrastructure for facilities within the Life Sciences and Food & Beverage industries where even a brief disruption can carry serious consequences. The firm's local team supports work in Ohio while drawing on technical experience from more than 75 offices around the world.

"Downtown Columbus is built for companies that want access to talent and a place where their teams can grow," said Columbus Mayor Andrew J. Ginther. "Burns & McDonnell's move to a larger office will bring more high-value careers to the urban core. Their continued investment adds momentum to Downtown and strengthens Columbus' role in building the infrastructure our country needs."

As the Region grows and advanced industries invest here, the need for energy expertise will continue to rise. Burns & McDonnell's larger Columbus office will bring more engineering and construction capacity closer to that work. Its growth demonstrates how the expanding energy economy continues to create opportunity across the Region.

"A vibrant Downtown strengthens the economic position of the entire Columbus Region," said Jonas Peterson, chief economic development officer and president of One Columbus. "It gives employers a compelling place to recruit talent and build teams while creating the concentration of people that drives innovation. Burns & McDonnell's expansion brings more highly skilled professionals into the urban core and increases the engineering capacity needed to meet rising energy demand across the Region."

"Ohio's ability to compete for major investments depends on the talent and technical expertise required to build the infrastructure behind it," said JobsOhio President and CEO J.P. Nauseef. "Burns & McDonnell's expansion strengthens that capacity as energy demand accelerates across the state. Its growing Columbus team will help Ohio deliver complex projects and compete for the next generation of business investment."

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**About Burns & McDonnell**

Working from more than 75 offices around the world, Burns & McDonnell designs and builds critical infrastructure. Our family of companies — driven by engineers, construction professionals, architects, planners, technologists and scientists — delivers projects grounded in safety and a desire to make a difference as we make our clients successful. Founded in 1898, Burns & McDonnell is 100% employee-owned.

**About the Columbus Partnership**

The Columbus Partnership is a nonprofit organization of CEOs from Columbus' leading businesses and institutions. Through our membership and other ally organizations across Central Ohio, the Partnership upholds a shared vision to make Columbus the most prosperous region in the country. The Columbus Partnership team also includes One Columbus, one of the nation's top economic development teams that serves the 11-county Columbus Region; and Smart Columbus, an innovation lab that applies technology to advance community good. The Columbus Partnership team works to help create jobs and attract capital investment, expand access to opportunity, and improve the economic competitiveness of the Columbus Region. Learn more at columbusregion.com.

**About JobsOhio**

JobsOhio is a private nonprofit economic development corporation designed to drive job

creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention and expansion. The organization also works to seed talent production in its targeted industries and to attract talent to Ohio through Find Your Ohio. JobsOhio works with seven regional partners across Ohio: Dayton Development Coalition, Lake to River, Ohio Southeast, One Columbus, REDI Cincinnati, Regional Growth Partnership and Team NEO. Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow the company on LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook.