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**AKS VANCOUVER EXPANDS WITH NEW STAFF**

**VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON** –AKS Engineering & Forestry Vancouver, LLC recently announced the hiring of **Blair Carlson** and **Devin Jackson**. Carlson will serve as a Project Engineer/Manager and is leading the development of a new hydrographic surveying group for AKS. Jackson will serve as a Project Engineer and is slated to grow the public sector work of the company in Washington.

Carlson brings a background in hydrographic surveying and engineering to AKS. Licensed as a civil engineer in six states, his experience spans numerous states working for local, state, and federal clients. He has particular expertise in marine dredging and construction for port authorities having led dredging studies, waterfront development projects, and river surveys over the last 10 years. He previously served as Area Manager for a national hydrographic surveying company. He is also actively involved in the Oregon Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Carlson has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Washington State University.

Jackson is a licensed civil engineer with experience in design, construction inspection, and project management for highway projects. His design expertise includes large scale interchange projects, intersections, contracts and provisions, emergency repairs, stormwater, design permitting, and documentation in Washington. He previously served as a Transportation Engineer for the Washington State Department of Transportation in Vancouver. Jackson has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Washington State University.

John Meier, PE, Principal of AKS's Vancouver office, remarked, "These critical new hires are a significant step in diversifying AKS's project and client base." The company is best known for its work with private developers but is quickly gaining a solid portfolio of local municipalities and other public agencies.

The AKS Engineering & Forestry group of companies is a full-service, locally owned firm. The 90-person firm has offices in Vancouver, Washington, as well as in Tualatin and Salem, Oregon. At the request of existing clients, AKS opened the Vancouver office in 2005. The firm has more than tripled in size over the last several years with the office in Vancouver now staffed with 21 people. AKS provides the traditional civil engineering, land use planning, land surveying, and landscape architecture services, in addition to forest engineering and arborist services. The unique combination of services has allowed AKS to specialize in all types of projects in and around trees including industrial, commercial, residential, and municipal work.

Carlson or Jackson can be contacted at (360) 882-0419. The Vancouver office is located at 9600 NE 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 2520, Vancouver, Washington 98682. For information about AKS, visit [www.aks-eng.com](http://www.aks-eng.com).

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