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AKS ADDS NEW ASSOCIATE AND STAFF

TUALATIN, OREGON – AKS Engineering & Forestry, LLC (AKS), recently announced the hiring of three new staff members and the promotion of Blair Carlson to Associate Member.

Blair Carlson, PE, CH, has been promoted to Associate Member of AKS. In addition to his new responsibilities as an owner, Carlson also serves as a project manager in AKS' Vancouver office and leads AKS' hydrographic surveying team. Licensed as a civil engineer in six states, his experience spans numerous states working for ports, private developers, contractors, and local, state, and federal agencies. He has expertise in industrial and commercial land development throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho and marine dredging and consultation for port authorities, federal agencies, and contractors throughout the United States.

Vanessa F. Doctolero, PE, has joined AKS as a Project Engineer/Project Manager in their Salem-Keizer office. Prior to joining AKS, Doctolero worked for Quincy Engineering in Rancho Cordova, California as an Associate Engineer & Project Engineer. Doctolero brings nearly 11 years of experience in roadway transportation and structural bridge design to AKS. Her areas of expertise include roadway geometric design, construction staging, and roadway safety. Doctolero has been an active member of Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) for the past eight years. Doctolero received her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and attended the Masters program for Structural Engineering from California State University, Sacramento, and is a Registered Professional Engineer in California.

Jason Wuertz, PE, has joined AKS as a Project Engineer/Project Manager in their Tualatin office. With more than 12 years of engineering practice, Wuertz brings a background of managing capital improvement projects while employed as a Senior Engineer at the City of Newberg. Most recently, he managed the Villa Road Improvement Project, which included the design and construction of two large fish friendly culverts. His additional notable projects include the City's major upgrade to the waste water treatment plant, seismic and hydraulic retrofit of water reservoirs, and various street and utility projects. He was also responsible for review of private development projects. Wuertz has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University and is a Registered Professional Engineer in Oregon.

Jerry Bentz has joined AKS as a Project Construction Inspector working in their Tualatin office. Bentz has more than 30 years of combined experience in heavy civil, commercial and residential excavation fields. Prior to joining AKS, Bentz worked as a superintendent and project manager/estimator. Bentz will be conducting site inspection and assisting with project construction cost estimating for AKS.

Carlson, Doctolero, Wuertz, and Bentz can be contacted at (503) 563-6151. For information about AKS, visit www.aks-eng.com.

About AKS Engineering & Forestry, LLC

AKS is a full-service, locally owned firm with over 20 years of experience providing consulting engineering services to the Portland Metropolitan Area and its surrounding cities. The 169-employee company has offices in Tualatin and Salem-Keizer, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington. AKS provides civil engineering, land use planning, land surveying, hydrographic surveying, forestry and forest engineering, arborist, natural resources, water rights, flood elevation surveying and permitting, and landscape architecture services. This unique combination of services under one roof has allowed AKS to provide expertise on a range of project types, including industrial, commercial, residential, and municipal work.

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