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## **Coffman Engineers Announces Merger With Sprinkler Technology Design**

SPOKANE (April 2, 2015) – Coffman Engineers, Inc., a mid-sized, multidiscipline engineering firm, is proud to announce a merger with Bozeman-based fire protection engineering firm Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc.

Coffman Engineers is excited to welcome the talented staff of Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc. The merger is part of the Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc. strategic growth plan and support's Coffman Engineers' continued fire protection engineering department expansion.

“We are very excited about our companies joining forces. Not only does this venture align with the strategies of both companies, but more importantly our cultures are a match. The staff at Sprinkler Technology Design are good people doing right by their clients,” said Dave Ruff, P.E., President of Coffman Engineers. Ruff added, “The addition of the talented staff at Sprinkler Technology Design to our existing team elevates our fire protection capabilities to a level that we believe will be unparalleled in the industry.”

As part of the merger, Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc. founder Dave Hughes, P.E. will remain with the company in the Principal Advisor position. The two other company principals Jason Anderson, P.E. and Mark Gouveia, P.E. will transition to principals at Coffman Engineers. Sprinkler Technology Design staff and Coffman Engineers' Bozeman office staff will remain in their respective office spaces for the time being and will eventually merge into a single Bozeman office space. Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc. will transition their branding to align with Coffman Engineers over the next several months.

Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc. has been a longtime ally of Coffman Engineers, collaborating on projects with other Coffman Engineers office locations including Alaska and Hawaii. Sprinkler Technology Design is a well-respected company with a staff of professionals who share similar values. Coffman Engineers will continue to support Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc. clients and contracts currently in place.

“I am proud of what our team at Sprinkler Technology Design has accomplished during the past 20 years and excited for the opportunities this merger offers. We will be able to provide our clients with more service options and robust resources. Although big changes can be a little scary, I'm confident this is a change for the better. The leadership and staff have been very supportive during this transition and have welcomed us as part of the Coffman family. They are a well-respected engineering firm and we are grateful to be part of such an amazing group of people,” said Dave Hughes, P.E., founder of Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc.”

Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc. was founded in 1995. They are a fire protection consulting and engineering firm serving the construction industry. Sprinkler Technology Design, Inc. specializes in fire sprinklers, fire alarms, and fire codes for a variety of project types including commercial, industrial, residential, historic, military, and educational.

### **About Coffman Engineers**

For 36 years, Coffman has provided civil engineering, structural engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, commissioning, fire protection engineering, corrosion control engineering, process piping, pipeline integrity management, in-line inspection, project/construction management, and land surveying. The company serves as prime and sub-consultant on large, small, and diverse projects. Coffman's office locations include Anchorage, Alaska; Bozeman, Montana; Hagatna, Guam; Honolulu, Hawaii; San Francisco and Los Angeles, California; and Seattle and Spokane, Washington. Follow us on Twitter @CoffmanEngineer.

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