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CKC Opens New Offices in San Francisco and Chicago

Cary Kopczynski & Company (CKC), a Bellevue, Washington-based structural engineering firm, has opened new offices in San Francisco and Chicago. The headquarters will remain in Bellevue. CKC specializes in the structural design of urban buildings throughout the United States and beyond.

CKC has won over 45 regional and national awards, including the 2012 Most Innovative Structure Award from the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI). Previous winners of this competition, open to buildings around the world, include Trump Tower in Chicago and Burj Khalifa in Dubai. CKC has twice been selected by ZweigWhite and Structural Engineer magazine as a top structural engineering firm to work for nationwide.

CKC has developed significant business in markets beyond the Northwest and decided to open new offices to better serve these clients. CKC San Francisco and Chicago will provide a full suite of structural engineering services with support from CKC's Bellevue headquarters.

CKC San Francisco will be led by managing principal Nicolas Rodrigues, PE, SE. With nearly 15 years structural engineering experience specializing in tall and unique buildings in seismic regions, Mr. Rodrigues has designed a variety of notable high-rise projects. These include Millennium Tower in San Francisco and the 835-foot tall Emirates Pearl Hotel in Abu Dhabi. He is active at the national level in ACI and chaired the Seismology Committee and its subcommittee on high-strength concrete for the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California. His current projects include 1200 South Figueroa, a 400-foot tall mixed-use project consisting of two 35-story residential towers over a 7-level retail/parking podium in downtown Los Angeles.

CKC Chicago will be led by managing principal Matt Hopper, PE, SE. Mr. Hopper joined CKC in 2006 after practicing structural engineering in Chicago for five years. He has successfully completed a wide range of notable structures throughout the United States. He is currently working on 1001 West Chicago, a mixed-use development consisting of two apartment towers over a retail podium in Chicago; Steele Creek, a 12-story luxury apartment complex under construction in the Cherry Creek neighborhood of Denver, Colorado; and The Halcyon Hotel, a 7-story hotel in Denver, Colorado.

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