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Architects West is celebrating a Birthday!

Hard to believe Architects West, Inc. is 35 years into the journey. As with most good journeys, time seems to pass quickly. A small start-up firm in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where primary industries were mining and timber, has managed to survive and grow into a regionally recognized and award winning design firm. The firm has been through times bursting at the seams with work and other times when making next month's expenses was going to be a challenge. As the journey continues to unfold, we strive to maintain an optimistic and realistic point of view, believing in the talent and resourcefulness of the firm.

35 years in the design profession testifies to a willingness to learn and grow with challenges and changes. Our firm has seen the evolution from artistically hand drafted documents to the current computer generated 3D animations that fly our clients around their design concepts. We have come from a time of abundance in construction materials to the current era of conscientious sustainability, preserving raw materials with efficiency of design, construction, and minimal life cycle costs. The profession has taught us to never stop learning and to remain open and objective in our thinking. We surround ourselves with quality teams of like-minded professionals whose intentions are for excellence in design and service.

We have yet to produce the perfect design or perfect set of documents and do not fool ourselves into thinking this lofty goal is attainable. Though we use the most sophisticated tools and information available, we recognize the human element will always leave a few stones unturned. Mistakes become failures only when they remain uncorrected. We have always corrected deficiencies when presented and we

learn from the experience. This journey is never dull and as each year passes we become wiser and better at serving our clientele.

Our firm has had the good fortune to be involved in a diverse mix of design opportunities with quality clients. Schools, churches, professional office buildings, health care facilities, master planning, land planning, resort planning, civic facilities, parks and recreation, performance auditoriums, condominiums, and creative custom residences have found their way into our resume. We are proud of our efforts in working with clients and projects that positively impact the lives of people in the communities for whom we provide our services.

The facilities we have designed and placed in communities will not be the legacy of Architects West. Instead, our legacy will be the relationships we have developed in the process of providing service. We are most proud of the way in which we conduct business with care and integrity. We trust we have also left good architecture in our path.

35 years is a good span of time to keep the doors open, no doubt. However the best we have to offer is not in the rear view mirror. We look forward to building onto current relationships, venturing into new relationships and providing the kind of service that makes our clients proud to have been associated with our firm and our people. We are a conscientious group of dedicated design professionals.

We hope to bring our passion for what we offer to each project in unique ways. We look forward with great anticipation and expectation to the opportunities ahead.

Proud Past

Over the past 35 years Architects West/Landmark has had good fortune and the honor to be a part of many worthwhile projects that have had a lasting, positive influence on the communities in which they serve.

This alone, apart from all other Architects West/Landmark accomplishments, stands out as the most rewarding and significant contribution. Projects from the past that have contributed to their community, start right here at home in Coeur d'Alene. The work at North Idaho College - including the Hedlund Building, the Library and Computer Center and the Vocational Building - have all had meaningful, lasting impacts on the community. Multiple projects for the area school districts of Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Lakeland, as well as other North Idaho School Districts, have all benefited their respective communities. High schools, middle schools, elementary schools, alternative schools and other needed educational facilities all make up a large portion of our resume. All of the schools, local and regional, completed over the past 35 years, have served their communities with pride, traditions born in them, memories made, and lives changed because of them.

In addition to the educational facility experience, Architects West's architecture has had a huge impact on communities in many other ways. Projects such as the Coeur d'Alene Public Library, the Kroc Community Center, Panhandle Health Facilities, and other local landmark structures

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have all been designed by Architects West/Landmark and all leave their footprint. They influence the people who use them, enjoy them, and experience them on a daily basis. They will continue to make the same positive contribution for decades to come.

We look forward to future projects and opportunities to help create sustainable solutions for important community facilities. We hope they will add to the service and impact the lives of their communities for many years to come. What a privilege it will be to be a part of them and a part of the shaping of the future. How fortunate for us all to have the opportunity.

Bright Future

Architects West is excited about the direction of its firm. While sporting a new logo, and a new building facade, what's happening inside these walls is the big story. In the last two years we have brought on six new innovative employees that are energetic about joining the team with new ideas. Architects West is also excited about adding interior design training to our team. We now have a member of the ASID (American Society of Interior Design). This will be very advantageous, allowing us to incorporate ideas about interiors during all aspects of design.

As everyone knows, the field of architecture is always moving, and Architects West plans to be at the forefront in things such as technology and sustainability. We are currently working on a few projects in (BIM) Building Information Modeling programs. We have seen the trend towards these programs and are all eager

to benefit from their advantages. Staying current with technology allows us to create better construction drawings and allows us to better communicate our designs to our clients.

We recognize that green and sustainable architecture has been and will be part of the future of our profession. Currently we have employees that are trained, LEED accredited professionals. But because of our interest in providing our clients with sustainable options, we are now training six additional employees ranging from Principal to CAD Operator so they may also be LEED accredited. They will be followed by six more employees, etc. until all employees will have the knowledge to help clients become more conscientious of the impacts of their buildings on the environment as well as energy costs.

As a design firm we understand the importance of maintaining relevance in today's world, and we are excited to be a part of this future with our clients.



Remodeled Architects West Office Building

Architects West Has a New Look

Originally Pool Motors, Architects West's current building has been through a lot. In 1971, Pool Motors sold the dealership. The building converted to Coeur d'Alene Toyota, which later moved away from downtown, leaving the building

open for a variety of tenants over the years ranging from bakeries to arcades. Architects West bought the building in 2000 and has called the old Studebaker dealership "Home" ever since. After moving in, the drop-in

ceilings were removed to expose existing trusses and structure. After the façade started to deteriorate, and the back porch started to fall off, it was finally time for a face-lift. The idea was to bring the building up to date with some of the newer conveniences available today, while picking up some of the Coeur d'Alene downtown eclectic flavor. Using corrugated, rusted metal roofing and siding, in addition to large timber, Architects West wanted to mix a hybrid of new slate siding with a tribute to Coeur d'Alene's mining and logging history.



Original Pool Motors Building

AW is now Employee Owned

Architects West is very proud to announce that it is now a 100% employee owned ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan). The decision to transform Architects West into an ESOP was an easy decision because the success of Architects West has been directly attributed to those

that work here. This transformation will mean that all of those talented and committed people of Architects West will have a vested interest in continuing the level of service that we are so proud of. We are very excited about this change and look forward to a prosperous future.

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