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Burns & McDonnell Names Dave Barr General Manager of Aviation & Federal Group

Burns & McDonnell, a 100% employee-owned engineering, architecture, construction, environmental and consulting firm, has promoted Dave Barr to lead its Aviation & Federal Group, which delivers essential facility and infrastructure projects for commercial aviation as well as federal and military agencies across the U.S. and internationally. Barr succeeds longtime leader Joel DeBoer, who will now serve in an enterprise role with a focus on advancing firmwide strategic initiatives that support continued growth and organizational excellence.

“I’m honored to step into this role and continue building on the foundation Joel and so many others have created,” Barr says. “Our Aviation & Federal team is fueled by innovation, collaboration and commitment to our clients. I’m excited about the opportunities ahead as we continue supporting our clients with solutions that advance mission-critical infrastructure around the world.”

Since joining the firm in 2010, Barr has played a pivotal role in shaping and expanding the firm’s federal business, including programs for the Department of Energy (DOE) and Department of Defense (DOD), while strengthening client relationships and advancing strategic initiatives. Most recently, he served as senior vice president, providing executive leadership across both aviation and federal markets.

“I’m thrilled to see Dave step into the general manager role for Aviation & Federal,” DeBoer says. “He is a trusted leader who deeply understands our culture and brings a highly detailed approach to managing the business and some of our most complex programs. His visionary leadership, deep market insight and strong client relationships position the group for incredible success now and in the future.”

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