



BIM Manager Joins Regional Architecture Firm

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Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects, LLP welcomes Building Information Modeling (BIM) Manager Brendan Thompson to the award-winning, full-service architecture firm.

"BIM is a key part of integrated project delivery," said Principal Henry Ruhnke. "It allows WRD to offer our clients new technology and practices that improve efficiency – saving time and money by reducing changes in construction. Brendan's leadership will help us take that service to the next level."

Architectural drawings have long been two-dimensional, but BIM lets users create three-dimensional models that integrate all of the building's elements, including finishes, equipment, structure, ductwork, and site elements. With all those components visible in a single model, the design and construction teams can work together from the very beginning with an enhanced ability to implement integrated design concepts and identify potential problems before construction even starts.

"What really excites me about the BIM solution we're using is the capability for analysis," said Thompson. "Things like energy modeling, shade studies and clash detection can be done even from the earliest stages of design, leading to a more efficient and site-sensitive project. WRD is well positioned to take advantage of the tools BIM has to offer in a thoughtful and comprehensive



way, and I'm very happy to play a role in that."

Thompson, a graduate from Cogswell Polytechnical College, will work with WRD's in-house drafting team to develop BIM standards, customize software and provide in-house training. He brings more than a decade of three-dimensional design experience to the firm. Thompson also works as an adjunct professor at Monterey Peninsula College teaching Computer Aided Design and Building Information Modeling classes.

As a LEED Green Associate, he serves as the media coordinator for the local branch of the U.S. Green Building

Council's Northern California Chapter. Thompson has also volunteered as a CAD mentor for a team participating in the national FIRST robotics challenge.

About WRD Architects

Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects, LLP is a full-service architecture firm serving California's Central Coast with an extensive portfolio of commercial, agricultural, healthcare, education, public works, residential, and interior design projects developed over more than 50 years. As a leader in green construction and sustainable practices, WRD creates buildings that are designed to enhance productivity and well-being while making positive impacts on the larger community.