

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Burns & McDonnell Announces Executive Promotions as Firm Strengthens Structure for Future Growth and Success**

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — [Burns & McDonnell](#), a 100% employee-owned engineering, construction and architecture firm, announces key leadership promotions to executive vice president, senior vice president and vice president. Executive vice president is a new title for the firm, as Burns & McDonnell focuses on leadership development and a structure for future success. In 2024, the firm produced \$7.2 billion in revenue and supported 24,000 projects.

“Developing tomorrow’s leaders is the future of our firm and our ability to continue to deliver projects for our clients to improve the world around us,” says Leslie M. Duke, chair and CEO of Burns & McDonnell. “The recent promotions are incredible examples of our firm’s ongoing growth and success. These individuals consistently demonstrate leadership, dedication and a willingness to continue to adapt and evolve their careers to best meet the needs of our clients.”

Duke announces the following promotions to executive vice president:

- [Jerry Fan](#), leader of Americas North, and general manager, Northeast Region, Wallingford, Connecticut
- [Allen Xi](#), leader of Americas South, Houston, Texas

Duke announces the following promotions to senior vice president:

- [Karen Bray](#), general manager, South Central Region, Houston
- [Mike DeBacker](#), general manager, Transportation Group, Kansas City
- [Mike Folta](#), general manager, Great Lakes Region, Chicago, Illinois
- [Joe Podrebarac](#), chief safety officer, Corporate Safety, Kansas City
- [Gene Sieve](#), general manager, Upper Midwest Region, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota

Duke announces the following promotions to vice president:

- [Jacob Blanton](#), regional manager, Northeast Region Transmission & Distribution Group, Wallingford
- [John Bothof](#), operations director, Mid-Atlantic Region, Norfolk-Hampton Roads, Virginia

- [Darrell Butler](#), branch office manager, Midwest Region, Columbus, Ohio
- [Heath Catt](#), manufacturing construction director, Construction Group, Kansas City
- [Jon Conway](#), managing director, Transmission & Distribution Group, Kansas City
- [Ben Frerichs](#), senior managing director, 1898 & Co., Kansas City
- [Ben Greek](#), managing director, South Central Region Construction Group, Houston
- [John Hessemann](#), operations director, Environmental Services Group, Kansas City
- [Matt Kapusta](#), regional manager, Florida Region Transmission & Distribution Group, Orlando, Florida
- [Allen \(Al\) King](#), senior project development vice president, AZCO, Appleton, Wisconsin
- [Thomas Maples](#), project director, South Central Region Transmission & Distribution Group, Houston
- [Joey Mashek](#), sales and strategy director, Power Group, Kansas City
- [Adam Matthiesen](#), operations director, Midwest Region, St. Louis, Missouri
- [Jake Merriman](#), regional manager, South Central Region Environmental Services Group, Austin, Texas
- [Tony Nalli](#), project director, Great Lakes Region Transmission & Distribution Group, Chicago
- [Dave Nispel](#), managing director, Oil, Gas & Chemical Group, Kansas City
- [Kyle Roberts](#), general manager, United Kingdom, London, England
- [Gus Rodriguez](#), regional manager, North Texas Region Transmission & Distribution Group, Fort Worth, Texas
- [Dan Sorensen](#), food and beverage director, Mountain Region Global Facilities Group, Denver, Colorado
- [Jason Turner](#), project execution director, Oil, Gas & Chemical Group, Kansas City

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### **About Burns & McDonnell**

Working from more than 75 offices around the world, Burns & McDonnell designs and builds critical infrastructure. Our family of companies — driven by engineers, construction professionals, architects, planners, technologists and scientists — delivers projects grounded in safety and a desire to make a difference as we make our clients successful. Founded in 1898, Burns & McDonnell is 100% employee-owned.