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Noll & Tam Architects Acquires BlakeDrucker Architects

BERKELEY, CA - April 17, 2013 - Noll & Tam Architects announces the acquisition of BlakeDrucker Architects of Oakland, a firm with 30 years of experience in science, technology, and healthcare projects. BDA's founding principal, Bonnie Blake-Drucker, FAIA, LEED AP, will become a principal at Noll & Tam, taking a lead role in developing the firm's science, technology, and healthcare work.

Working together, Noll & Tam and BlakeDrucker Architects have already been awarded the \$25 million seismic retrofit and interior renovations of multiple floors of the Health Science Instruction & Research (HSIR) towers on the Parnassus campus at the University of California, San Francisco.

"We are very excited to welcome Bonnie to Noll & Tam," said Christopher Noll, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, founding principal of Noll & Tam. "It's a perfect match – Bonnie shares our commitment to quality design, sustainability, and fantastic client service."

BlakeDrucker Architects – www.bdarch.com

BlakeDrucker Architects is a recognized innovator in the design of sustainable, accessible, and work-enhancing scientific and medical research laboratories for world-renowned researchers. The firm's renovation of the Tissue & Cell Biology Program Laboratory (HSW 6) for the UCSF School of Dentistry was the first lab renovation in the country to receive LEED® for Commercial Interiors certification. The project was also awarded a Best Overall Sustainable Design Award in 2005 from the UC/CSU

Sustainability Consortium. The firm's renovation of the UCSF School of Dentistry Craniofacial & Mesenchymal Biology Lab (HSE 15) received LEED®-CI Gold certification and a 2011 Building Information Modeling award from the American Institute of Architects. BlakeDrucker Architects has also completed many projects for Kaiser Permanente in the Bay Area.

Bonnie Blake-Drucker, FAIA, LEED AP, has a Master of Architecture degree from University of California, Berkeley, and a Master of Science degree in Research Psychology from University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

“Joining Noll & Tam means I can do more of what I’m passionate about: working with scientists and doctors to create spaces that work for them from day one,” said Ms. Blake-Drucker. “I love to work on complex design projects with fabulous people. The support of a larger firm will allow me to offer clients the additional lifting power of Noll & Tam’s energetic and skilled architects and technical staff, combined with great design and a commitment to service.”

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Founded in 1992, Noll & Tam has designed distinctive civic spaces and municipal buildings that create welcoming environments for the public. The firm specializes in active community involvement and environmentally responsive design. Noll & Tam has 23 staff members, including 14 LEED Accredited Professionals.

Recent projects include the Los Gatos Library, the Valley Hi North Laguna Library in Sacramento, the El Cerrito Recycling and Environmental Resource Center, the Oakland Zoo Veterinary Hospital, the Berkeley YMCA PG&E Teen Center, the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito (with Scott Dennis Architect), and the UC Berkeley Bancroft Library Doe Annex rehabilitation (with Ratcliff).

Chris Noll, Janet Tam, and Bonnie Blake-Drucker are available for interviews.

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