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WITH MORE THAN 17 YEARS EXPERIENCE

WSP Flack + Kurtz promotes Muscarella to Sr. V.P.

NEW YORK, NY WSP Flack + Kurtz, the international engineering firm, has promoted Frank Muscarella, LEED AP, PE, to senior vice president, according to David Cooper, PE, LEED AP BD+C, the firm's president and chief executive officer.



Frank Muscarella

Muscarella, who is also the assistant department head for WSP Flack + Kurtz's New York HVAC practice, previously served as vice president. He has more than 17 years of experience, all with WSP Flack + Kurtz, in the design of

mechanical systems for a wide range of project types.

Throughout his tenure, Muscarella, has worked on many projects, including the Goldman Sachs headquarters, the New York Times Headquarters, and Cornell University's Bailey Hall.

"We hired Frank in 1994, just after he graduated," said Cooper. "17 years later, we're still congratulating ourselves on this hire. He has made outstanding contributions to WSP Flack + Kurtz, and we hope he'll stay with us for at least another 17 years."

Muscarella received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Manhattan College.

Belkin promoted to partner at The Mufson Partnership

NEW YORK, NY The Mufson Partnership, an architecture firm specializing in corporate interior and residential design, has named Julia Belkin a partner.



Julia Belkin

In her new status, Belkin joins co-founders Larry Mufson and Ed Von Sover, and Stan Judovits. She came to the firm in 1998, and most recently held the title of principal.

"Julia has proven invaluable to the growth and development of the firm over the past 13 years," said Larry

Mufson, co-founder and partner of The Mufson Partnership. "She is a brilliant marketing and new-business professional – second to none – and an essential member of the Mufson team. We congratulate her on this well-deserved promotion and celebrate her success."

Belkin began her tenure at the firm as manager of business development. Over the years, she has been responsible for generating new business, organizing marketing campaigns and promoting recently completed projects. She has played an integral role in the firm's business growth and has become a well known and respected figure in the industry.

LBG names Groszkowski senior associate

WHITEPLAINS, NY Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. (LBG), a professional groundwater and environmental engineering services firm, has named Sean Groszkowski a senior associate.



Sean Groszkowski

Groszkowski manages environmental projects with multi-million dollar construction and remedial costs that cross a wide spectrum of environmental disciplines, including

regulatory compliance, hazardous waste investigations and cleanups; hydrogeological investigations; environmental assessments; contaminant fate and transport modeling; and litigation support. He specializes in management of inactive hazardous waste and site remediation under the New York State Brownfield Cleanups Program (BCP), with responsibility for project development from initial site assessment and application and entry into the BCP to permit acquisition and remedial construction management and subsequently progress through to regulatory site closure and site management.

Subcontractors Trade Assn. gearing up for 2012 Membership Drive - March 1 - June 30

NEW YORK, NY The Subcontractors Trade Association (STA) is gearing up for its 2012 New Membership Drive, which will run from March 1 through June 30. The organization is looking to continue building upon its vast network of subcontractors by adding new subcontractors leaders in the business to its membership.

Being a part of the STA brings count-

less advantages to New York-based union subcontractors, from increased business opportunities to member services such as legislative advocacy and government agency interaction. Becoming a member of the STA means joining forces with over 350 of the most prominent players in the industry and forming relationships to harness your business' true potential.

AS SR. ENGINEERING MGR. AND SENIOR V.P. RESPECTIVELY

Pope and Stromsted join Parsons Brinckerhoff

NEW YORK, NY Jonathan Pope has been named a senior engineering manager in the New York office of Parsons



Jonathan Pope

Brinckerhoff, a global infrastructure strategic consulting, planning, engineering and program/construction management organization.

In his new position, Pope will manage Parsons Brinckerhoff's aviation design and construction practice in the New York area and throughout the Northeast.

Pope has over 30 years of experience managing large capital programs at airports. He comes to Parsons Brinckerhoff from a New York consulting firm where he was responsible for program management services for aviation clients nationwide. He has worked in a variety of roles on many large aviation projects such

as program director for the Newark Liberty International Airport Terminal A Modernization Program, the Newark Liberty International Airport Redevelopment Program, and, while with Northwest Airlines, the development of the airline's



Robert Stromsted

hub facilities at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. As a consultant, he previously managed the planning, development and implementation of major capital projects for such clients as the City of Chicago Department of Aviation and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

Robert Stromsted has been named a senior vice president at Parsons Brinckerhoff.

In his new position, Stromsted will be responsible for strategic planning

and business development. He will be based in the firm's New York office.

Stromsted has 35 years of consulting engineering experience in the private and public sectors. Prior to joining Parsons Brinckerhoff, he was chief executive officer at HNTB Corp., responsible for strategic oversight and the development and implementation of growth strategies for the firm. He has served as a project engineer, project manager, office leader, operations officer, strategic planning officer, sales officer, and division president with a market focus on public infrastructure development. His clients have included state departments of transportation, toll authorities, port authorities, airports, municipalities, transit agencies, rail authorities, freight railroads, private businesses, construction contractors, and concessionaires. He has also served clients within the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. State Department, and the International Finance Corp.

HOK promotes Korsh, Laul and Vandezande

NEW YORK, NY HOK NY has promoted three to their firm.

Christopher Korsh was promoted to senior principal. Korsh is the regional healthcare practice leader in HOK's New York office. He is responsible for the management and marketing for New York's healthcare practice, as well as the operations for all practices in New York.



Christopher Korsh

Christopher Laul was promoted

to senior principal. At age 39, he becomes the youngest senior principal in the history of HOK New York. Laul



Christopher Laul

is responsible for the strategic direction of all marketing, business development, and public relations activity for the New York Metropolitan Region.

James Vandezande was promoted to principal. Vandezande is the firmwide director of HOK's buildingSMART

practice, HOK's service group that oversees the implementation and advanced use of building information modeling (BIM), which coupled with other powerful new software tools, allows HOK to deliver projects better and faster than ever. Vandezande is the author of *Mastering Autodesk Revit Architecture 2011* and is a thought leader in building technology software.



James Vandezande

HPD, OTDA and Lantern Group celebrate completion of Vicinitas Hall

BRONX, NY According to NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) commissioner Mathew Wambua, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) executive deputy commissioner Elizabeth Berlin, the Lantern Group, a non-profit developer of New York City affordable housing, and their partners, Vicinitas Hall has been completed. Located at 507 East 176th St., Vicinitas Hall is a new 68-unit supportive housing development.

Vicinitas Hall was built under Mayor Michael Bloomberg's New Housing Marketplace Plan, multi-billion dollar initiative to finance 165,000 units of affordable housing for half a million New Yorkers by the close of the 2014 fiscal year. To date, the plan has funded the creation or preservation of more than 126,800

units of affordable housing across the five boroughs. More than 38,900 units have been financed in the Bronx and more than 3,500 of these units are in Community Board 6 where Vicinitas Hall is located.

"For some of the most vulnerable New Yorkers a quality, affordable home is the touchstone that can lead to a path of stability in their lives," said Wambua. "Vicinitas Hall is a place where young adults who have aged out of the foster care system can find that stability in a safe and supportive environment. I thank the Lantern Group for their continued dedication to providing affordable housing to those most in need, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, and all of our partners who have helped to make this day a reality."

"Vicinitas Hall will provide not

only safe, quality housing, it will also offer vital support services for young people to further their education, seek employment and fully participate in community life," said Berlin.

"Vicinitas Hall will assist a specialized portion of the population make the transition to permanent housing in a supportive environment," said Alissa Kampner Rudin, chief operating officer, Lantern Community Services.

Vicinitas Hall is a seven-story residential building with community space on the cellar level. The 41,000 s/f property was built on a former parking lot and includes recreation rooms, a landscaped rear yard, 24-hour security desk and offices for case management staff. The building's community rooms are available to local neighborhood groups and organizations for meetings and events.

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