

CO Architects and FXFOWLE form joint venture firm

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Bringing together expertise in a vast range of architectural typologies, the formation of a joint venture firm to be known as CO/FXFOWLE will offer new and current clients worldwide the benefits of both noted firms. The joint venture between Los Angeles-based CO Architects and New York City-based FXFOWLE - formed in late December 2011 - represents a genuine collaboration between the two firms in all project services, rather than the customary design architect/associate architect relationship.

Formed in order to expand each firm's geographic and expertise reach, this joint venture differs from those that are created to blend qualifications for one specific project.

CO/FXFOWLE has already been invited to be one of three firms to participate in a competition to design a new building for an educational institution in New York City.

Each firm will maintain its individual identity and operations while pursuing new projects together as CO/FXFOWLE. FXFOWLE's strength in urban planning, infrastructure, commercial, cultural, and education projects complements CO Architects' extensive experience in healthcare, science and technology, medical-education, and civic typologies.

Although both FXFOWLE and CO Architects have worked nationally and internationally for decades, the joint venture will also bolster geographic access with expanded typology experience. While historically focused on different project types, both firms overlap in culture and philosophy. They share a commitment to sustainable design and are industry leaders in their use of advanced building and design technologies.

"FXFOWLE shares the same aspirations for design as CO Architects," said Scott Kelsey, AIA, managing principal of CO Architects. "There is a consistent attitude toward what we are trying to accomplish in architecture in terms of design, craft, detailing, and sustainability."

Adds FXFOWLE managing partner Guy Geier, FAIA, FIIDA, LEED AP: "We look forward to combining our shared philosophies and depth of experience as we pursue future opportunities together in order to create meaningful, sustainable architecture and interiors."

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