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## JLG Architects hires three in St. Cloud

ST. CLOUD, MN – December 3, 2019 – JLG Architects, *ENR Mountain States' 2019 Design Firm of the Year* and the *Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal's Top 10 Architecture Firms*, has hired David Leapaldt, Whitney Lougheed, and Mitchel Nystrom. Leapaldt, Lougheed, and Nystrom were all previously with the architecture firm IIW-Minnesota, where they worked on projects such as the St. Cloud Tech High School and Sartell High School.

JLG, which opened a temporary office in St. Cloud earlier in 2019, is in the process of fitting out a permanent location in Downtown St. Cloud, and will move into IIW's former space at 101 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in St. Cloud until the renovation is completed. JLG has 12 offices nationwide, four of which are in Minnesota, including Minneapolis, Rochester, and Alexandria. JLG is 100% employee-owned by the firm's 120 staff.

JLG Architects has been a part of several St. Cloud landmarks, including the recent expansion of St. Cloud State University's Herb Brooks National Hockey Center, the River's Edge Civic Center, and the restoration of First National Avenue Bank of St. Cloud, which received a 2017 Minnesota Preservation Impact Award.

### **DAVID LEAPALDT, AIA, CID, LEED AP; Principal Architect**

David Leapaldt joins JLG as a Principal Architect with over 30 years of experience designing community landmark and signature education facilities throughout the Upper Midwest. Much of his work has been published in *Architecture Minnesota*, *American School & University*, and a variety of related publications. A passionate community volunteer, David's volunteer leadership spans from the Paramount Arts Trust, Mississippi River Partnership and Central Minnesota Community Foundation to the St. Cloud Area School District, St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, and Catholic Charities. As such, David has been named Community Arts Advocate by the Minnesota Alliance for Arts in Education and a St. Cloud Morning and Noon Optimist Clubs Achievement in Education Award recipient.

A graduate of North Dakota State University's architecture program, David is a Registered Architect in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota, a Certified Interior Designer, and a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-Accredited Professional. David's expertise as a LEED-Accredited Professional resulted in the first school in Central Minnesota – Kennedy School in St. Joseph – and one of the first in the entire state, to receive LEED Certification.

### **WHITNEY LOUGHEED, AIA, LEED AP; Senior Job Captain and Project Architect**

Whitney Lougheed brings over a decade of design work around the Upper Midwest on projects such as the St. Cloud Tech High School and Sartell High School to her role as Senior Job Captain and Project Architect at JLG. Whitney earned a Master of Architecture in Architecture and History, and Bachelor's degrees in Environmental Design and Architecture from North Dakota State University. She is a Registered Architect and a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-Accredited Professional, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the St. Cloud Forum of Executive Women.

**MITCHEL NYSTROM; Project Support**

A recent graduate of North Dakota State University, Mitchel Nystrom joins JLG as a Project Support with a Master of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture with a Business Concentration. When he's not at work, Mitch enjoys running, traveling, and reading.

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**About JLG Architects**

JLG is a 100-percent employee-owned full-service architecture firm across twelve offices in Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota with over 120 employees, and has been named one of the 50 Most Admired Companies in America by MSN Money and Best Life, a 50 Best Places to Work in the U.S. by *Inc.* magazine, and the Design Firm of the Year by *ENR Mountain States*.