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## PERKINS EASTMAN AND LEE, BURKHART, LIU (LBL ARCHITECTS) ANNOUNCE INTENT TO MERGE

### Combined Practice Will Create Expanded Capabilities in Healthcare Architectural Projects and Enhance Client Value

New York, NY (October 30, 2014) Top international design and architecture firm Perkins Eastman and top California healthcare design firm Lee, Burkhardt, Liu (LBL Architects) are pleased to announce the intent to merge their practices. The merger will significantly build upon the established practices—particularly healthcare—of both firms and diversify their combined expertise, particularly on the west coast. The combined international firm will total 880 employees, adding enhanced resources, client value, and opportunities for employees. The firms will combine their practices in San Francisco, CA, and maintain and grow the practice in Los Angeles, CA. The merger is planned to be effective January 1, 2015.

Bradford Perkins FAIA, Chairman of Perkins Eastman, says, “Perkins Eastman has had a longstanding commitment to expanding on the west coast, and this merger will realize that commitment for the benefit of our clients and staff. LBL’s respected healthcare architectural design practice and established relationships with some of the top regional healthcare providers naturally align with Perkins Eastman’s vision and goals. Further, this merger will diversify the combined firm’s expertise in the region, importantly enhancing value for our clients and providing growth opportunities for employees.”

Erich Burkhardt FAIA, a Founding Partner and Principal, furthers, “LBL has sought not only expanded reach and enhanced resources for our expertise in designing innovative healthcare environments, but also an unwavering commitment to clients and to creating environments rich with ingenuity and purpose. We have found that in Perkins Eastman’s practice and people. As one of the largest architectural firms in the country and with a substantial healthcare practice, Perkins Eastman provides the depth of resources, creative design vision, and breadth of expertise to allow us to provide a broader scope of services to our clients and greater opportunities for our employees.”

Both firms were founded with similar beliefs—that architecture can have a direct, positive—recuperative, even—impact on peoples’ lives. The award-winning healthcare portfolios of both firms reflect a commitment to the planning and design of

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healthcare environments that promote healing, instill comfort, and increase efficiency. The merger will strategically position the combined firm to address the complex functional requirements of 21st-century healthcare environments that, above all, must be patient- and family-centered and that also acknowledge rapidly evolving treatment modalities and new technologies.

## **About Perkins Eastman**

Perkins Eastman is among the top design and architecture firms in the world. With more than 800 employees in 13 locations around the globe, Perkins Eastman practices at every scale of the built environment. From niche buildings to complex projects that enrich whole communities, the firm's portfolio reflects a dedication to inventive and compassionate design that enhances the quality of the human experience. The firm's portfolio includes education, science, housing, healthcare, senior living, corporate interiors, cultural institutions, public sector facilities, retail, office buildings, and urban design. Perkins Eastman provides award-winning design through its offices in North America (New York, NY; Boston, MA; Charlotte, NC; Chicago, IL; Pittsburgh, PA; San Francisco, CA; Stamford, CT; Toronto, Canada; and Washington, DC); South America (Guayaquil, Ecuador); North Africa and Middle East (Dubai, UAE); and Asia (Mumbai, India, and Shanghai, China).

## **About Lee, Burkhardt, Liu**

Lee, Burkhardt, Liu (LBL Architects) was founded in 1986 with a mission to provide humanistic architectural and design services to a variety of healthcare providers. Today, the firm counts more than 100 healthcare projects for nonprofit health systems, universities, city and county governments, federal agencies, community hospitals, and for-profit healthcare providers in its portfolio. Consistently ranked among the top healthcare design firms in California, the firm was awarded Firm of the Year by the AIA/San Fernando Valley Chapter in 2011. In addition to its healthcare portfolio, LBL's portfolio includes research and education facilities. LBL has 60 employees in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

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