

**OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Doug Treadway

DATE: January 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Notice of Name Change for the Architect of the Ohlone College Newark  
Center for Health Sciences and Technology

MBT Architecture, the architect designing the Ohlone College Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology has recently been acquired by Perkins+Will. This change was effective November 4, 2005.

MBT staff have been retained and staff currently assigned to the District will continue the Newark Center project.

Attachment: Perkins+Will Notification of Ownership Transistion

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December 8, 2005

Marian Castaneda  
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Re: Written Notification of Ownership Transition

Dear Marian

Per your request, this letter serves as written notification of MBT's change in ownership. Effective November 4, 2005, Perkins+Will has acquired MBT Architecture.

Please see attached for detailed information on the ownership transition.

Sincerely,



Karen Cribbins-Kuklin  
Perkins+Will



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## MBT Architecture Joins Perkins+Will

**San Francisco, November 4, 2005** – International architecture, design and planning firm Perkins+Will ([www.perkinswill.com](http://www.perkinswill.com)) has acquired MBT Architecture ([www.mbtarch.com](http://www.mbtarch.com)), the 50-person, San Francisco-based firm nationally recognized for its leadership in the science and technology and higher education sectors.

Part of a broader Perkins+Will strategy to expand its capabilities in the scientific and educational facilities markets, the acquisition also creates a stronger Western Region presence for Perkins+Will. MBT has long maintained a successful Seattle office in addition to its San Francisco headquarters. As with other Perkins+Will acquisitions, MBT's leadership and key staff will continue with the firm without disruption to existing client relationships, projects, or schedules.

Established in 1954, MBT has received widespread acclaim for its design of research laboratories and related facilities for academic, corporate and government clients. Six MBT projects have received awards from the prestigious *Lab of the Year Awards* program from R&D Magazine, including three in the past five years. The firm also has a strong design history, having received more than 50 design awards including six National Honor Awards from the American Institute of Architects. Building on its national leadership in sustainability, MBT recently designed one of the very few LEED V2.0 Silver-certified research laboratories.

MBT's client list includes some of the most prestigious organizations from both the private and public sectors, including Stanford University, the University of Washington, UCSF, UC San Diego, the University of Virginia, Genentech, Allergan, Merck, the Stowers Institute for Medical Research and the U.S. Department of State, among many others.

In San Francisco, Perkins+Will and MBT will consolidate into a single office to form a strong and diversified Perkins+Will practice in the Bay Area. The existing San Francisco office practices across a wide variety of market sectors and client types. MBT CEO H. Russell Drinker, AIA, will be Managing Director of the office and Allison Williams, FAIA, currently leader of the San Francisco Perkins+Will office will be Design Director. Similarly, MBT's Seattle personnel will join with Perkins+Will's current Seattle office to create a more significant presence in that community and throughout the Pacific Northwest. "Both firms are dedicated to pursuing projects that benefit society, challenge us to innovate, and allow the practicing of sustainable design," said Drinker.

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Drinker goes on to explain, however, that the driving force behind MBT's decision to become part of Perkins+Will was what the partnership offers its clients. "Our clients will significantly benefit from Perkins+Will's deep capabilities in base building design, its access to advanced technologies, the expanded overall expertise and our complementary design disciplines."

"The integration of these offices will be assisted by the common visions and philosophies held by the two firms – a fact that was a key to the decision to join forces, and a dynamic that will allow this to be an acquisition behaving like a merger," according to Phil Harrison, Perkins+Will CEO/President. "The acquisition of MBT continues a growth and development process for Perkins+Will that is based on adding energetic, client-focused leadership and outstanding talent in key market sectors and geographic areas. We have enhanced our ability to serve our client's most challenging and complex projects," said Phil Harrison of Perkins+Will.

Established in 1935, Perkins+Will (<http://www.perkinswill.com>) is an integrated architecture, interiors, and planning firm recognized for its leadership with clients in corporate + commercial + civic, healthcare, higher education, K-12 education, and science + technology. Sustainable, high-performance and environmentally conscious design are staples of the firm's practice. Ranked by *Building Design & Construction* Magazine, Perkins+Will has the highest number of LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professionals in North America, with nearly half of the firm's staff accredited. Firm wide, a staff of more than 950 experienced professionals now serves clients out of offices in Atlanta, Beijing, Boston, Calgary, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Hartford; Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Research Triangle Park, San Francisco, Seattle, Shanghai, Vancouver, Victoria, and Washington, D.C. Perkins+Will routinely ranks among the world's top design firms and has received hundreds of awards, including the prestigious American Institute of Architects Firm of the Year Award.

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