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CNI Design Joins Perkins+Will

Acquisition integrates two award-winning design firms

Los Angeles, October 24, 2006 – Perkins+Will (P+W), one of the nation’s leading architecture, design, and planning firms, has acquired CNI Design, an award-winning, Los Angeles-based interior design practice with a strong portfolio of healthcare, corporate, education, and retail projects. CNI’s staff will join the more than 100 design professionals and support personnel at P+W’s office in downtown Los Angeles – an office consistently ranked as one of the top five design practices in the city and responsible for a large number of noteworthy area projects including the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles Police Department Harbor and Rampart stations, Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute at USC, and Los Angeles Unified School District Central High School #1.

“Having CNI join the Perkins+Will team brings additional talented staff and valuable project experience to our practice,” said Gabrielle Bullock, AIA, managing principal of P+W’s Los Angeles office. “The two firms have highly complementary skills that will provide significant added value to both our current and future clients.” Ms. Bullock added: “We share in the belief that design excellence means meeting or exceeding client expectations while concurrently supporting society’s greater goals.” A long-time advocate of sustainable design, Perkins+Will has demonstrated its commitment to this belief by having the greatest number of U.S. Green Building Council LEED® accredited professionals of any firm in North America (as reported by *Building Design & Construction* magazine).

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CNI, founded in 1988 by Jo Carmen, Jay Nordsten, and Clara Igonda, has designed interiors for a wide spectrum of clients including the University of California, Bank of the West, Maguire Properties, Sutro & Co., *La Opinion* newspaper, U.S. Bank, and Santa Barbara Cottage Health System, among others. Both Ms. Carmen and Ms. Igonda have been noted by *Contract* magazine as two of the top 100 women of design. Architect Jay Nordsten, AIA, worked closely with Ms. Carmen and Ms. Igonda to manage the practice as well as develop new business and undertake project design.

"We are delighted to be a part of Perkins+Will and know that our enhanced ability to provide greater depth in resources and services can only benefit our clients locally, nationally, and internationally," said Jo Carmen, Interiors principal, P+W.

Ms. Carmen, who joins P+W as the Interiors discipline leader in Los Angeles, has served as a faculty advisor to the interior design departments at Woodbury University, UCLA Extension, and Otis College of Design. Ms. Igonda also joins P+W as a principal. She earned her architecture degree in her native country of Argentina and has over 30 years of design experience. Mr. Nordsten joins P+W as an associate principal.

Nationally, P+W has planned and designed the interiors for corporate headquarters, R&D facilities, and a host of other project types, many of which have been Fortune 500 companies, major universities, K-12 schools, leading healthcare facilities, and other internationally known organizations. Overall, the firm has planned and designed more than 50 million square feet of office, healthcare, education, R&D, hospitality, retail, and residential space in the past 10 years alone.

Established in 1935, Perkins+Will (www.perkinswill.com) is an integrated architecture, interiors, and planning practice that is committed to sustainable design. Firm-wide, a staff of more than 1,000 professionals serves clients from offices in Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Hartford, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Research Triangle Park, San Francisco, Seattle, Shanghai, Vancouver, Victoria, and Washington, D.C. The firm practices architecture, interiors, branded environments, and planning and strategies with clients in the corporate, commercial, civic; healthcare; education; and science and technology sectors. 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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