

DLR Group & KKE Design Expertise

DLR Group’s promise is to elevate the human experience through design. A lofty promise, but one each DLR Group employee-owner commits to at the beginning of every day. KKE’s mission is to “expand the vision.” This is both a culture and an attitude that thrives on truly understanding each client by responding to their “drivers” and measures for success. The joining of DLR Group and KKE will fuel a collaboration of two aligned, client-focused design cultures, committed to providing professional and personal opportunities for people and sustainable design for clients.

The merger of KKE into DLR Group enhances the design resources available to each firm’s existing offices and clients. It expands DLR Group’s geographic reach with new locations in Las Vegas and Tucson, and in Irvine and Pasadena, California. KKE now can extend services to clients from 18 more offices and in China. The merger strengthens and diversifies DLR Group’s Minneapolis office and complements DLR Group’s five California office locations. KKE design and project experience in China also will strengthen and support the DLR Group Shanghai office.

SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT – Design of a sustainable future for our planet is a KKE core belief. KKE recognizes the role of sustainable design in protecting the earth and its environment, people, land, and resources. The designer of the first LEED certified project in the state of Minnesota and the LEED Gold Molasky Corporate Center in Las Vegas, KKE is a recognized leader in sustainable development and is committed to responsible design and healthy environments.

Similarly, DLR Group champions sustainable design through its integrated design process and investment in tools critical for sustainable design including renewable energy systems and energy modeling. DLR Group is fully committed to the initiatives and objectives of Architecture 2030 and an initial signatory of the AIA 2030 Commitment.

DESIGN EXPERTISE – DLR Group and KKE have received more than 200 design awards during the past three years. The joining of the firms enhances the range and depth of services that DLR Group and KKE can offer clients in local markets and across the country.

DLR Group Design Expertise

K-12 Education

Higher Education

Justice

Corporate

hospitality

retail

entertainment

workplace

Sports

KKE Design Expertise

K-12 Education

Higher Education

Justice

Corporate

hospitality

retail

entertainment

workplace

Healthcare

Senior Residential Communities

Native American

Commercial/Mixed Use

ELEVATING DESIGN FOR CLIENTS – DLR Group is recognized as a national leader in K-12 Education design, pioneering some of the newest thinking in the areas of learning environments, design's influence on student learning, and assimilating sustainable design with curriculums. Complementing DLR Group's leadership position, KKE believes the primary goal of facility design is to enhance the learning experience. Adding KKE's award-winning design enhances the combined firm's K-12 leadership position. Communities, school districts, students, and teachers will all benefit from the design innovation and expertise of DLR Group KKE.

Corporate sector clients of both firms can now access a greater depth of hospitality, retail, workplace, recreation and entertainment design. Together, the combined design resume of DLR Group and KKE form a diversified and experienced hospitality design firm poised to meet the needs of clients in the hospitality and retail industries. Coupled with KKE's deep relationships and success with Native American clients, DLR Group KKE can provide hospitality, retail, and gaming design solutions for clients coast-to-coast.

Joining DLR Group, KKE can now provide award-winning Sports design for private and public sector clients. DLR Group's Sports practice, with its understanding of the fiscal challenges facing many athletic departments and communities, adds to the services KKE can offer clients.

Through DLR Group, KKE clients can now access a full range of in-house engineering services. KKE can offer clients structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering design to assemble true integrated design teams.

STRENGTHENING THE FIRM – DLR Group's geographic reach is strengthened by KKE's depth of professional talent and design portfolio. This expertise will elevate the design in each of DLR Group's 22 domestic offices.

The core competencies of DLR Group and KKE align in four core areas of practice: Corporate, Higher Education, Justice, and K-12 Education. The integration of DLR Group and KKE design expertise in the Higher Education and Justice sectors enhances the competitive position for both firms within existing markets and in pursuing larger regional and national commissions

KKE's nationally recognized design for Senior Housing adds a broad base of expertise for independent, assisted, and skilled nursing, living and housing. KKE's success with senior residential communities and its substantial healthcare portfolio, complements the resume and design talent in those areas added with the merger of [DLR Group WWCOT](#) in February 2010. This Senior Housing and Healthcare expertise can travel to other DLR Group offices to meet the needs of new and existing clients.