

WWCOT to join DLR Group

*Merger enhances DLR Group's K-12 and higher education practices.
WWCOT adds healthcare and civic sectors to DLR Group and
enhances the firm's interiors and master planning services.*

(DLR Group – February 23, 2010) — DLR Group announced today that Southern California based WWCOT is joining the firm. WWCOT locations in Los Angeles, Modesto, Palm Springs, and Riverside will become DLR Group WWCOT and continue to work in concert to form a new Southern California office for DLR Group. A WWCOT office in Shanghai will become DLR Group WWCOT to give the firm a formal presence in Asia.

The merger provides DLR Group with an established presence in Southern California. WWCOT's award winning K-12 and Higher Education design talent and resume elevate DLR Group's nationally recognized education design practice. WWCOT's Healthcare, Civic, and Senior Residential Community design, and its Architecture Forensics expertise also enhance DLR Group design services nationally and provide additional revenue streams for the firm.

With the merger, WWCOT can now offer existing clients additional expertise including Justice and Sports design and a full range of engineering services. The merger also provides WWCOT the opportunity to apply its design talent and expertise to meet the unique needs of existing DLR Group clients coast to coast.

"This signals a significant step toward establishing a strong DLR Group presence in Southern California," said DLR Group Managing Principal Jon Pettit, AIA, LEED AP. "The merger of WWCOT adds leadership diversity and a depth of design excellence that will benefit our collective client bases in California and each of the clients that our 500 employee-owners serve every day from 18 offices across the country, and now in China."

Signature WWCOT projects in California include Edward R. Royball Learning Center, Culver City Senior Center, Indio Teen Center, Kaiser Vineyard Medical Office Building, and historic restorations of the Bovard Administration Building at USC. The 140 person firm generated more than \$25 million in revenue in 2009.

The WWCOT leadership team will become Principals in DLR Group and continue to serve clients from its four California office locations. Adrian O. Cohen, FAIA, LEED AP will lead the DLR Group WWCOT office from Los Angeles office in the role of Regional Leader.

"By joining DLR Group, we become part of one of the one of the pre-eminent design firms in the nation," said Cohen. "It provides clients with a new range of design services. As a firm, this provides access to national talent and new revenue streams to position the office for growth."

The merger also enhances both the depth and diversity of design leadership at DLR Group. WWCOT is one of the most ethnically diverse groups of professionals in the design community. DLR Group WWCOT design professionals hail from all corners of the world and collectively speak more than 20 languages. This multitude of experiences and backgrounds elevates DLR Group's ability to assist clients in engaging and meeting the needs of diverse communities across the nation.

About DLR Group

Elevate the human experience through design. A lofty promise, but one each DLR Group employee-owner commits to at the beginning of every day. This promise inspires sustainable design for public and private clients in the Corporate, Higher Education+Sports, Justice, and K-12 Education sectors. DLR Group is an integrated design firm providing architecture, engineering, planning, and interior design from 18 locations across the country and in Shanghai.