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## MACKENZIE ANNOUNCES MULTIPLE PROMOTIONS

**Portland, Oregon (August 31, 2015)** – Mackenzie Managing Principal Rich Mitchell is pleased to announce significant promotions of some key difference makers for the firms growing reputation within the architecture and engineering community. Rich said, “Our people are our greatest asset, and we would like to recognize these outstanding individuals for all they have contributed to Mackenzie and our success.”

Josh McDowell, a 17-year veteran of Mackenzie, has been promoted to Principal. Josh leads Mackenzie’s Structural Engineering Department, and has two decades of experience in the field. He has overseen the structural design for a range of project types, including commercial, retail, and industrial facilities, and has been the lead structural engineer for nearly all of Mackenzie’s civic and public projects during the past eight years. He has also acted as project manager on several public safety projects, including Salem Fire Stations, Albany Fire Station, and the PDX Quick-Turnaround Facility (QTA). Josh has an extensive background in the assessment and remodel of structures involving seismic strengthening code compliance. Josh graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University, is a licensed Structural Engineer, Professional Engineer, and a LEED Accredited Professional.

With over 25 years of experience in the industry, Terry Krause has been promoted to Principal at Mackenzie. Terry is recognized for his expertise in grocery and general merchandising retailing, and has experience in all phases of development for both new and remodeled facilities. Terry’s experience ranges from complex on and off-site development and entitlements to building shell design, tenant improvements, fixtures, graphics, signage, and interior design. As a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), Terry has been instrumental in prototype development and multi-state roll-out strategies for retail clients, including Fred Meyer and Nike. He holds professional licensure across the Western States, including Alaska and Hawaii. Terry served two terms on the Portland Chapter American Institute of Architects (AIA) Board of Directors, and is a current member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB). Terry earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Washington State University.

Betsy Benedict has received a highly deserved promotion to Associate Principal. After joining Mackenzie 27 years ago, Betsy originally acted as the records manager and, eventually, became the Director of Human Resources and Administration. Betsy’s leadership in HR has been a key component to our success as we have grown over the past four decades. In addition, Betsy has been involved in the development and integration of many of Mackenzie’s project management and accounting systems. Betsy claims, “I enjoy working in the multi-discipline environment that Mackenzie has to offer – especially the teamwork and exciting opportunities.”



Rusty Gesner has been promoted to Associate Principal after being a tremendous asset to Mackenzie after joining in 1997. “Many long-term employees like me are proud to contribute to Mackenzie’s ‘client focused’ service, and make Mackenzie our home because we are appreciated here,” Rusty stated. Rusty Gesner is one of the industry’s foremost software experts – having used AutoCAD the longest out of anyone in his field. As a licensed architect, Rusty wrote and edited a dozen published AutoCAD books, and developed a highly customized AutoCAD environment to improve efficiencies and enhance accuracy in drawings. Today, he manages the firm’s AutoCAD and Revit systems, overseeing processes, techniques, families, and standards.

Rich is very enthusiastic about the recent promotions, claiming, “The firm is recognizing four talented, experienced professionals who promote our design driven, client focused model that has been successful in our community for over 50 years.”

### **About Mackenzie**

Mackenzie is a provider of professional design services comprised of professionals in architecture and interior design; structural, civil, and traffic engineering; land use and transportation planning; and landscape architecture. Anchored in the foundational elements of high performance and client focus, Mackenzie brings deep expertise in commercial office, healthcare, community infrastructure, education, institutional, federal, high tech, public building, industrial, retail, and mixed use projects. For more information, please visit [www.mcknze.com](http://www.mcknze.com) or call 503-224-9560.