

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**West Midlands Mayor Unveils Burns & McDonnell's New Birmingham Headquarters as Firm Pledges to Create Diverse Workforce in the Region**

BIRMINGHAM, England — Andy Street, mayor of the West Midlands, has officially opened engineering, architecture and construction company [Burns & McDonnell's new expanded office in the heart of Birmingham](#).

Held at new offices in the Cornerblock building in Birmingham's Colmore Business District, the event saw Burns & McDonnell pledge that a third of its senior leadership would be female by 2023. Signing the West Midlands Combined Authority's [Inclusive Leadership Pledge](#) with the mayor, Jonathan Chapman, Burns & McDonnell's U.K. Managing Director, committed to continue efforts to embed inclusiveness in the company's culture and promote diverse talent in the West Midlands.

The company marked the occasion with a reception attended by the mayor and guests from businesses across the West Midlands and the U.K. The pledge forms an important part of the company's growth and long-term commitment to fostering talent in the region.

Since establishing its first U.K. and European headquarters in Birmingham in 2017, U.S.-founded Burns & McDonnell has doubled its staff in the U.K. — including the recent hire of Senior Project Manager Nick Busby — and has plans in place to double again in the next two years. The company has a 10-year U.K. investment strategy for developing vital energy infrastructure in the West Midlands and across the country.

[Jonathan Chapman, Managing Director, U.K., Burns & McDonnell](#), said:

"This is a big milestone for Burns & McDonnell and we are thrilled that the mayor is celebrating our expansion with us. His continued support of Burns & McDonnell has been a critical part of our success over the last two years. We are looking forward to continuing to work with him and his team to create the ambitious, innovative infrastructure projects and high-skilled jobs that will generate long-term prosperity in the West Midlands.

"We are absolutely dedicated to growing a skilled workforce in Birmingham, drawn from a diverse pool of talent from across the West Midlands and beyond. We are here for the long term, as our brand-new office proves, and are delighted to commit to promoting diversity and inclusion in everything we do through the mayor's Inclusive Leadership Pledge."

[Kenneth Gerling, Vice President of Transmission Projects at Burns & McDonnell](#), said:

“The U.K. is an incredibly important market for Burns & McDonnell. The West Midlands, with its talent and unparalleled technical skills, is the perfect region for us to lead energy sector projects that draw upon the best in technical ability and knowledge.

“Our clients and projects span the globe, and so do our people. We appreciate the differences that define each one of us. The connections and collaborations among a diverse workforce give us new perspectives and drive our innovation. I’m pleased to see that Burns & McDonnell in the U.K. has pledged to play its part in ensuring its workforce reflects its community and that the opportunities it creates are open to all.”

Andy Street, mayor of the West Midlands, said:

“Investment from world-leading companies like Burns & McDonnell is essential to the continued prosperity of the West Midlands, and so I am delighted in this vote of confidence in our region.

“As the WMCA and I continue to work to deliver improved transport links and infrastructure across the West Midlands, partnerships with private organisations like Burns & McDonnell, with their expertise and capabilities, will be important.”

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About Burns & McDonnell

[Burns & McDonnell](#) is a private, employee-owned engineering, design and construction firm with 7,000 professionals located in offices throughout the world. We strive to create amazing success for our clients and amazing careers for our employees. We are ranked by *Engineering News-Record* as No.1 in Power and Electrical Transmission & Distribution.

We develop solutions through creating passionate partnerships, placing client service front and centre, understanding clients’ needs and striving to make them successful. Our employee-ownership culture means that our success is closely aligned to our clients’ success. We are bold in how we develop solutions and challenge the norm, drawing from the whole company to find answers to some of the toughest questions. We work on some of the world’s most crucial infrastructure projects, delivering a completely integrated service from concept to completion.

In 2017 Burns & McDonnell opened its first U.K. office in Birmingham. With more than 120 years of experience designing and building infrastructure throughout the world, Burns & McDonnell is now taking forward a long-term investment plan in the U.K.

With the U.K. energy market undergoing a transformation, our focus is on providing a differentiated service across technical consultancy, engineering services and project delivery as the U.K. adapts to a low carbon future underpinned by smart technologies.