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Burns & McDonnell Promotes New Leadership to Boost Multimarket Support in Central Texas

AUSTIN, Texas — Burns & McDonnell has promoted [Jake Merriman](#) to lead its [Central Texas office in Austin](#) as it works to support significant growth in the region's construction, advanced manufacturing and renewable energy markets. Merriman, who previously served as managing director of transmission for the firm, has more than 20 years of experience in engineering, construction and project management.

“We've served the great city of Austin, its diverse range of industries and surrounding communities for many decades. Building on that, we are proud to welcome Jake and have him leading our growing team in Central Texas,” says [Leslie Duke](#), president and general manager in the region for Burns & McDonnell. “Empowered by Jake’s leadership, we are very well positioned to help customers across the region respond to new conditions, regulations and scenarios across a variety of markets. The future of our support for local communities is bright under his incredible guidance and vision.”

With plans to [strategically expand its business](#) to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Austin market, the Burns & McDonnell team in Central Texas provides engineering, construction, consulting and environmental services as well as [design-build and engineer-procure-construct \(EPC\) project execution](#). Prioritizing safety, reliability and efficiency within the project delivery process, employee-owners in Austin serve a wide range of markets:

- [Aviation](#)
- [Construction](#)
- [Critical infrastructure](#)
- [Energy](#)
- [Environmental](#)
- [Facilities](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)

“I am truly honored, humbled and excited to lead our tremendous team of professionals in Austin,” Merriman says. “Our employee-owners across the region provide unmatched leadership, industry-leading innovation, and a deep passion for community involvement and development. We work harder, respond faster and deliver more. From designing world-class [manufacturing facilities](#) to building and [automating electrical transmission and distribution systems](#), we’re proud to work and live here — helping support and enhance the diverse communities and economy across Central Texas.”

The engineering, construction and architecture firm first established its Austin office in 2014. Burns & McDonnell also has Texas-based offices in [Houston](#), [Dallas](#), [Fort Worth](#) and [Amarillo](#).

Engineering News-Record ranks Burns & McDonnell as the [No. 2 design firm in the Texas & Louisiana region, No. 1 in Power, and No. 6 among the leading Manufacturing firms and Top 100 Design-Build firms](#). The 100% employee-owned company has been recognized by more than 35 publications worldwide as a top workplace.

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