

# DURRANT EXPANDS

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Madison, Wisconsin—Durrant, an internationally recognized architecture, engineering and construction management firm, is excited to announce strategic initiatives related to the firm's Midwestern offices.

## **Green Design is Smart Design**

The first of these initiatives is the design and construction of Durrant's new corporate headquarters located at the Port of Dubuque in Iowa. The new 18,000 square foot headquarters, to be completed this winter, will be an adaptive reuse of the former industrial building on the site, demonstrating Durrant's commitment to sustainable "green" design. The newly-designed building will recall its industrial heritage, while providing a contemporary and environmentally-conscious facility. Durrant plans to achieve a LEED® Gold status from the U.S. Green Building Council.

## **An Appetite for International**

Northward, Durrant's Minneapolis, Minnesota office has refined their focus to serve as the firm's International Design Studio lead by Namkee Choi, AIA. Choi, who has worked with Durrant for 12 years as a consultant and then became full-time as Principal in May 2006, is leading the effort for Korean projects. Some of Choi's notable projects include: Lotte World II in Busan, South Korea, a 107 story mixed-use tower that combines progressive retail, entertainment, hotel, office and sports facilities into an elaborately orchestrated complex; the Busan Convention Center in Busan, South Korea, which features over 240,000 sf of flexible exhibition space as well as a ballroom, meeting rooms, offices, below grade parking and exhibition areas; and I Park in Seoul, Korea, a high-end condominium complex.

## **75-Year History in Wisconsin Continues**

Finally, Durrant is pleased to announce the expansion and consolidation of the Wisconsin offices. On October 1, 2007 Durrant will merge its Hartland and Madison offices to be centrally located in Madison. This merger will allow the same great talent that had been located miles apart, to now be just a few steps around the corner. Durrant feels that both clients and personnel will greatly benefit from increased project coordination and teamwork between the disciplines. Durrant has grown from a small firm originating in

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Boscobel, Wisconsin to a national design firm with international reach. The combined Wisconsin office is reminiscent of founder, Joe Durrant's, original ideal for a design firm – a single office combining both architectural and engineering services. In addition, the Wisconsin office hopes to expand its services to include project delivery in the coming year. This will provide clients with a single point of contact all the way from planning through construction. With the firm's 75th anniversary approaching in 2008, Durrant feels there is no better time to get back to its roots.

## About Durrant

At Durrant, design is our passion and our clients are our inspiration. We fuse expertise with innovation to deliver vibrant and functional designs, positively shaping the community and our environment. Durrant has been a leader in the A/E industry for nearly 75 years, and our 10 locations offer comprehensive architecture, engineering and project delivery services across the globe.

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