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Giffels-Webster Moves Headquarters to Detroit and Oakland County Office to Birmingham

Company supports existing vibrant communities with office moves

DETROIT, Nov. 15, 2011 – Showing its commitment to vibrant communities, Giffels-Webster is moving its headquarters to its existing Detroit office, and its Oakland County location to a new Birmingham, Mich. office.

The civil engineering and surveying firm's Detroit office is expanding its existing space to accommodate triple the staff. It will house the executive offices and accounting department, as well as teams of civil engineers and surveyors – making it the company's largest office. Giffels-Webster is currently applying for headquarters status with the city of Detroit.

"As a company dedicated to improving the quality of life in communities, we are reinforcing our commitment to existing downtowns that represent the values of urban renewal and walkability," said Scott Clein, PE, LEED AP, executive vice president at Giffels-Webster Engineers and head of the Detroit office. "Others have thrown out the challenge for businesses to move downtown, and we're following that lead. We've been working in Detroit for more than 16 years and moving our headquarters is a great way to help increase our investment in the city's revival."

A few of Giffels-Webster's Detroit projects include: Children's Hospital of Michigan Pediatric Specialty Clinic, Detroit Public Schools' Denby High School and Finney-Crockett High School, Corktown-Mexicantown Greenlink, Garden View Estates, the West Vernor Streetscape, and surveying projects such as the Wayne County Remonumentation Program and Wayne County Consolidated Jail Facility.

Giffels-Webster also is working with local Detroit organizations, such as the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation (DEGC), on its headquarters status.

"DEGC is pleased to be working with Giffels-Webster as it expands its Detroit presence," said Malinda Jensen, director of business development - business attraction at DEGC. "Giffels-Webster is a great example of a knowledge-based company that sees the advantages of becoming part of the community in the rapidly growing Creative Corridor."

While growing its Detroit presence, Giffels-Webster remains deeply involved with projects and communities throughout southeast Michigan. Previously, Giffels-Webster's Oakland County office was in an industrial park and will now be located near downtown Birmingham.

"We have longstanding valuable clients, such as South Lyon, Commerce Township, Ferndale and Lathrup Village, and our new office location in Birmingham puts us in a more central location to better serve all of our Oakland County clients," said Loren

Crandell, PE, LEED AP, president at Giffels-Webster Engineers and head of the Birmingham office. “Birmingham is an eminently walker- and biker-friendly city that is home to a thriving, affordable business district, and these are values that we support.”

With these office moves, Giffels-Webster will be centrally located in Detroit’s tri-county area with Macomb, Oakland and Wayne offices. The Detroit headquarters are now located at 28 W. Adams St., Suite 1200, and the Birmingham office will be located at 1025 East Maple.

About Giffels-Webster Engineers

Giffels-Webster is a collection of people—civil engineers, landscape architects, planners and surveyors—who choose every day to make communities better. The Michigan-based firm serves public, private, and institutional clients throughout the United States with their infrastructure needs.

Since its inception in 1950, Giffels-Webster has evolved to offer a broad scope of services centered on helping clients achieve their project or programming goals, including civil engineering, municipal consulting, planning, land development consulting, landscape architecture, and environmental consulting. www.giffelswebster.com.

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