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HMC Architects Hires James Woolum, AIA, IIDA, as Design Director for the Firm's New Los Angeles Office

LOS ANGELES, Calif., October 2008—James Woolum, AIA, IIDA, who has provided architecture and interior design expertise for high-profile education, healthcare, and corporate projects across the country, has joined HMC Architects as a principal and director of design for the company's new Los Angeles office.

"Jim has a passion for clean and timeless design and the knowledge of how to design high-profile facilities," said Pam Maynard, CID, HMC's director of interior design. "He is very well respected in the industry and will help raise the profile of our new office in Los Angeles."

Woolum, 37, previously consulted to HMC on projects for Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Los Angeles Unified School District, and Kaiser Pasadena Medical Office Building.

Woolum's project experience includes the Duffield Hall Nanotechnology Institute at Cornell University; the Rebecca and John Moores Cancer Center at the University of California, San Diego; the Proteomics and Chemistry of Life Institute at Northwestern University; and the Center for Biomedical Discovery at the University of Chicago. His healthcare design experience includes a new patient tower and research buildings for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Calif., and Plano, Texas. He also helped design the corporate headquarters for Rich and Skinny Jeans in Los Angeles.

One of Woolum's first projects at HMC has been to lead the design of the firm's new downtown Los Angeles office on the third floor of the US Bank Tower. According to Woolum, "It was an exciting challenge to take an iconic space in a landmark building and both respect and embrace its history while making a significant design statement to define our new presence in the city and inspire our internal design culture." He is also currently working on HMC projects for Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, St. Anthony's Community Center, and K-12 education projects in Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Throughout its history, HMC Architects has established a reputation as an award-winning design firm and thought leader for education, healthcare, and government facilities. Founded in 1940, HMC is one of the most prominent planning and design firms with offices strategically located throughout the West. To learn more about HMC Architects or to arrange interviews with the firm's executive leadership, please contact Tracy Black at (800) 350-9979, or tracy.black@hmcarchitects.com and visit www.hmcarchitects.com.