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### **WSP Expands Midwest Presence with New Kansas City Office**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 16, 2019** — WSP USA, a leading engineering and professional services consultancy, has expanded its presence in the Kansas City metro area with a new downtown office.

“When we considered our new office space, we wanted a location that would help us better serve our growing client base in the region, and one that would be a collaborative, comfortable and inspiring work environment for our staff,” said Agnes Otto, senior area manager responsible for transportation and infrastructure operations in Kansas, Western Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Oklahoma. “With clients across Kansas and Missouri, and thriving WSP locations in Wichita and St. Louis, we felt that serving the Kansas City metro area could easily be accomplished from this downtown/river market location.”

WSP has nearly 70 employees in the metro and 42 have moved into the new office at 300 Wyandotte Street. With the recent acquisitions of engineering firms Louis Berger and Leggette Brashears and Graham, the office has been designed to support a growing team that includes workers commuting from cities like Topeka, Olathe, Liberty and Lees Summit.

“We are excited about our location because it’s within a reasonable commute time for all of our team, and there are plenty of walkable options for lunch or after work activities,” Otto said. “We also wanted our staff to be able to take advantage of transit options, like the nearby streetcar stop.”

Sustainability features of the new office space were important, and align with WSP’s commitment to become carbon neutral across its U.S. operations in 2019.

“The building we’ve moved into was built using sustainability standards that were very appealing to our firm, including daylighting and an open plan format,” Otto said. “This office is not only more convenient for our staff, but it helps meet our firm’s sustainability objectives while reducing our impact on the city’s infrastructure and environment.”

The firm first opened a Kansas City metro area office in 2001, becoming home for many of WSP's engineers, planners and scientists to work on local, regional and national projects. Our local team has worked on some of the firm's most prominent regional projects including design of the 87th Street and I-35 Interchange in Lenexa, Kansas for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT); the feasibility study for the Kansas City Streetcar Authority to add a northern riverfront extension to the city's streetcar system; the City of Kansas City's Midtown Complete Streets Plan, an effort to enhance the city's thriving commercial, multimodal corridors; design and construction services for Topeka Regional Airport Runway 13-31; and mechanical, electrical, plumbing and technology engineering at Menorah Medical Center for a new four-story tower with operating room services, a 32-bed medical surgical unit expandable to an additional 32-bed medical surgical unit floor, and expansion to the central utility plant adjacent to the existing hospital.

Our team has also contributed to national projects, including support for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Missouri River Recovery Program; design-build projects in Texas, Washington, Minnesota and North Carolina; the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, Kansas; and support for sports stadia projects, including Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

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