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KOFFEL ANNOUNCES NEW HIRES

Koffel Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce the hiring of Elizabeth “Liz” Keller and Alexa Rucinski as Fire Protection Engineers.

Keller, a graduate of the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Fire Protection Engineering, is enrolled in the Master of Science program with a concentration in Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland College Park and is conducting research to evaluate combustion efficiency and water mist suppression characteristics utilizing a turbulent line burner. Her work experience includes research in support of fire and explosion origin and cause investigations, consumer product safety, and failure analysis; review and analysis of local, state, national, and international building and fire safety codes, standards, regulations, and guidelines, including model code families published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Code Council (ICC); and experimental/testing projects for a thermal sciences lab including large and small-scale flammability testing, as well as water flow testing. She is a member of the Salamander National Fire Protection Engineering Honorary Society, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers, and earned her E.I.T. in 2014.

Rucinski, a graduate of the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Fire Protection Engineering previously worked with Koffel Associates as an intern while attending the University of Maryland. Her work experience includes code research, smoke control modeling and systems design, developing emergency response plan, hydraulic calculations, and site-surveys. Rucinski gained experience prior to joining Koffel Associates including: running Fire Dynamics Simulator programs to mimic experimental fires, calculating heat release rates using oxygen consumption calorimetry, and documenting the existing fire suppression system at Goddard Space Center. She is a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers – Student Chapter and Chesapeake Chapter and earned an Honor College Citation, a Cooperative Education Citation, and a certificate in Quality Enhancement Systems and Teams (QUEST).

ABOUT KOFFEL ASSOCIATES

Koffel Associates is a small business, fire protection and life safety engineering design and consulting firm, recognized as an expert in the fire protection and life safety aspects of codes and standards. Headquartered in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area, Koffel Associates’ 25 Fire Protection Engineers provide consulting; engineering design & construction administration; codes & standards development; seminar development & training; product testing & evaluation/representation; and litigation support to public and private clients worldwide. Since 1986, Koffel Associates’ team of industry leaders and staff—fire protection engineers; registered engineers; NICET-certified technicians; code officials; and authorized National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and International Code Council (ICC) trainers—have met the design and consulting needs of its clients.

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