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CPO supports the University's Business Diversity Program thru outreach to MBE, WBE, small and new A/E firms. "PROFILES" will feature one such firm that seems particularly well suited for work here. A/E Firms featured in "PROFILES" have expressed a strong interest in working on our projects. Feel free to contact these firms directly or contact Doug Jennings for more information.

PROFILES



This month's featured firm is



<http://rushingco.com/>

Rushing is a Seattle based mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and sustainability consulting firm

Rae Anne Rushing has enough energy to qualify for a couple of LEED points just by being in the room – it's an infectious energy that drew me into the office's excitement about sustainable design and mechanical/electrical design in general. When I met with Rae Anne Rushing and Scott Rushing in their new office on Westlake, the office was flooded with natural light and had a comfortable feel of an office that inspires creativity and professionalism.

Rushing is a medium-sized mechanical/electrical engineering firm with a special emphasis on sustainability. It is a young firm – founded in 2006 – Rae Anne and Scott came from decades of design/build expertise working for the likes of McKinstry and Holaday-Parks they felt they could offer a new perspective on mechanical/electrical/sustainability design from what they had learned in the lightning-fast design/build private sector work. They did something right because they grew to a 40 person firm in two years (now back to a more comfortable 24 employees after the recent business contraction). About 80% of their work is as subconsultants to architects (many familiar names: NBBJ, LMN, Callison, Rolluda, Mulvanny, Mithun, etc.) and they do both public and private sector work. They also have done a lot of work on biotech projects and research labs including BSL3 labs. Their work on UW projects is limited to a couple of commissioning assignments but they are anxious to do more.

In a world where almost all A/E firms have a focus on sustainability, Rushing really "walks the talk". They designed their new office to achieve LEED "Platinum" rating (one of only two Platinum certified renovation projects in the state). They recently acquired the sustainability consulting firm of Blackbird so they can provide full LEED certification consulting and documentation services for all aspects of building design and even prepare sustainable building maintenance and operations plans.

They also "walk the talk" on diversity: 40% of their employees are women and 17% are minorities. As a certified WBE firm with the State OMWBE, Rushing can help us in meeting our MWBE participation goals either as a sub consultant to our architects or as a prime consultant on our mechanical/electrical projects.

You can get more information about Rushing from our Roster File, by visiting their website: <http://rushingco.com/>, or by contacting Rae Anne Rushing directly at (206) 285-7100.



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