

SCJ Alliance Celebrates Expansion, Rebranding, Seven Year Anniversary

As SCJ Alliance crosses the plate for their seventh anniversary, looking back it's been a homerun year. A name change from Shea Carr Jewell, rebranding, expansion to Southwest Washington and added services have produced impressive numbers.

"We've gone from five Costco tables as desks to offices in five communities across three states," shares co-founder Perry Shea, PE, reflecting on the firm's beginnings in 2006. "We're always on the lookout for new opportunities to serve our clients better, as well as provide our talented staff with opportunities for growth."

Headquartered in Olympia, WA, SCJ Alliance also has offices in Wenatchee and Vancouver, WA; Boise, ID; and Westminster, CO. A consulting and professional services firm, SCJ has provided the engineering and planning expertise behind many projects in the region. Examples include Port Townsend's recent downtown streetscape improvements, Olympia's master planned Briggs Village, WinCo Foods stores in Sumner and Bremerton, and Bonney Lake's many intersection improvements along SR 410.

"We changed our name to reflect our expanded offerings and growth beyond the Puget Sound region," said co-founder Jean Carr, LEED AP BD+C. "Our rebranding also reflects our broader range of services including environmental, website, information technology, communication and public relations. These complement our previously existing services like civil engineering, transportation planning and design, and land use planning to name a few," Bob said.

Co-founder Bob Jewell, PE reflects on the role diversification has played in the firm's success. "Diversification in market sectors, project types and firm services has provided stability and opportunity. This allows us to be creative, move quickly and weather the tough economic times."

SCJ starts their next "inning" at a sprint with new, high visibility projects. "We are very excited to be involved with both the world's largest Ferris Wheel in Las Vegas and improvements planned on I-5 adjacent to JBLM spanning five miles and four interchanges," said Perry.

SCJ also remains focused on continuing to serve existing and traditional clients like municipal and private developers. "We have been working on planning and engineering for Briggs Village since the 1990s. It's rewarding to see that project coming to life," said Jean. SCJ also has long term involvement with planning and design for Saint Martin's University (SMU). SMU is the alma mater for a number of SCJ's engineers including Perry and Bob.

For SCJ, it's a good time to be in business. "Developers are dusting off projects that have been sitting for five or six years," says SCJ Principal Eric Johnston, PE. Eric is assisting the rural town of Wilkeson in corridor planning, creating a Town Center that will be a part of the Foothills Trail visioned to span from Tacoma to Mt. Rainier.

"SCJ is committed to being an active community member," says Principal Amy Head, PE, LEED AP BD+C. "It gives me great pleasure to work on projects of community significance like the new Boys & Girls Club, and East Bay Plaza," shared Amy. SCJ also actively supports the missions of Rebuilding Together, Thurston EDC, multiple Chambers of Commerce, the South Sound Reading Foundation, Leadership Thurston County, cancer prevention groups and little league teams, to name a few.

SCJ Alliance has been widely recognized since its founding, including the following awards:

- 2012 Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber's Spotlight on Business Award
- 2012 Zweig Letter Hot Firm List as one of the fastest growing firms in the nation
- 2011 Zweig Letter Hot Firm List
- 2010 Best Firms to Work For by Civil Engineering News
- 2010 Zweig Letter Hot Firm List
- 2009 Small Business of the Year by the Thurston EDC
- 2009 Best Firms to Work For by Civil Engineering News



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