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Looking to the future, local firm expands view by joining SCJ Alliance
Spokane’s Studio Cascade has joined forces with a growing Northwest consulting firm

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 16, 2018 – After more than a quarter century at the helm of award-winning, community planning and design firm Studio Cascade, Bill Grimes has joined his company with SCJ Alliance.

“Joining our firms provides an opportunity to grow and achieve more together than we could alone,” Bill said. “We have great alignment of our culture and approach to projects, which is so important for me and our clients.”

SCJ Alliance is a multidisciplinary consulting firm specializing in civil engineering, transportation planning and design, landscape architecture, environmental and urban planning, and public outreach. The privately-held, majority women-owned firm has been nationally recognized multiple times for growth, award-winning projects, and as a great place to work.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for both our firms, as well as our clients and our employees,” SCJ co-founder Jean Carr said. “We share a commitment to client relationships and quality work, treasure our employees, and value collaboration across disciplines.”

“I have taken great pleasure in developing creative, innovative, and implementable solutions for the communities and clients we’ve served,” Bill said. Locally, Studio Cascade has worked on the Lincoln Heights District Center Plan and Hamilton Corridor Model Form-Based Code. Other high-visibility projects have included the University of Idaho Property Master Plan in Sandpoint, Chelan County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, Council Bluffs Arts and Culture District Plan, Bainbridge Island Waterfront Park and City Dock Master Plan, San Juan County Vision Assessment, and the award-winning Port Angeles Waterfront Transportation Improvement Project.
“Studio Cascade is highly regarded for their comprehensive plans, subarea plans, and master plans, adding greater depth to our Planning Group,” Jean said. She also noted the high respect Bill’s firm commands for their community engagement, planning, and design work. Bill is also a long-standing professor in the Urban & Regional Planning program at Eastern Washington University, where among other things he has taught courses on land development, site planning, and urban design.

Studio Cascade’s team is excited about collaborating with their new colleagues on projects across disciplines and at various stages, providing interesting and fulfilling work. In addition to the Spokane office, SCJ has offices in Lacey, Centralia, Seattle, Ballard, Vancouver, and Wenatchee, Wash. and another in Boulder, Colo. Teams work together virtually, creating dynamic groups that seamlessly collaborate with other.

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