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Vice presidents promoted at Provost & Pritchard

FRESNO, CA: Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group has announced the appointment of a new vice president, and the leadership transition of another. Karen Kirk, who has served as the Client Services Manager since 2012, has been promoted to Vice President of Business Development, while Vice President Donald Ikemiya, who previously oversaw business development, is shifting his focus to lead the firm's planning division.

"Since joining the Provost & Pritchard team, Karen Kirk has been tremendous at maintaining and building stronger relationships with our existing and future clients," said Dale Melville, president of the firm. "Karen will continue to enhance business development strategies while overseeing the day-to-day operations of our business development functions."

Kirk has over 27 years of business and partnership development experience in the professional engineering and environmental industry. With a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and business from California State University, Fresno, her experience consists of developing business opportunities, networking, identifying strategic initiatives, and assisting engineering and consulting professionals in growing professional relationships with their clients.

Ikemiya, who has been a vice president since 2008, will now transition from business development to overseeing the operations of Provost & Pritchard's planning division. In addition to his vice president responsibilities, Ikemiya provides engineering and project management services for a number of clients throughout the San Joaquin Valley, focusing on regulatory issues affecting agriculture.

"Donald Ikemiya is an exceptional leader and project manager, and will be instrumental in expanding our planning capabilities to assist our public agency and private clients," said Melville.

A graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering, Ikemiya has over 28 years of experience in agricultural, civil engineering and planning throughout California. He has worked extensively in guiding clients through the regulatory permitting processes of local cities, counties, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. In addition, he provides civil engineering services for food processors and water/irrigation districts throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

Established in 1968, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group has a strong tradition of engineering and consulting excellence throughout California. With office locations in Fresno, Bakersfield, Visalia, Clovis, Modesto, Los Banos, and Chico, the firm features a mix of seasoned professionals, complemented by younger staff with fresh ideas. Provost & Pritchard specializes in civil and agricultural engineering, environmental and land use planning, hydrogeology and geology, surveying, and construction management services in the areas of water resources, municipal infrastructure, agriculture, site development, and environmental compliance. For more information, visit www.ppeng.com or email info@ppeng.com.

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