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## Architectural Nexus celebrates "Living Building" in Sacramento

*Architectural Nexus' new office takes on water reuse and renewable energy challenges*

**SACRAMENTO (February 23, 2017)** — Construction is complete and Architectural Nexus has moved in to its newly renovated office on Historic R Street. The new building features many cutting-edge innovations to tackle the California water and energy crises, enabling the building to be part of a “visionary path to a restorative future” by embracing **The Living Building Challenge™**. This certification program, administered by the International Living Future Institute, represents the most advanced measure of sustainability in the built environment and acts to rapidly diminish the gap between current limits and positive solutions. Once the 12-month performance period is complete, this will be the first Certified Living Building in California.

On March 2 at 9:30 a.m., Sacramento **Mayor Darrell Steinberg** along with **City Councilmember Steve Hansen** will address visitors with remarks to celebrate the Ribbon Cutting of this truly one-of-a-kind building. Their comments will be followed by tours of the building and a Block Party featuring live music.

Dubbed Arch | Nexus SAC, the building is the Sacramento location for Architectural Nexus, Inc., a people-driven, employee-owned, integrated design firm focused on inspiration, stewardship, and regeneration with a practice reaching throughout the Western United States and beyond. The building at 930 R Street is an adaptive reuse of an existing warehouse/office and will double the size of the company in California.

Arch | Nexus SAC acknowledges California recent and reoccurring droughts and energy crises and lays a framework for how to operate in such conditions. Through looking to nature for her concept and looking to place for her roots, the project is an educational and community asset for California.

The goal of a Living Building is to be part of the built environment and to function as elegantly and efficiently as a flower. As such, some of the features of Arch | Nexus SAC are:

**Net positive water** - equipped to supply all the water it needs from rainwater

**No water discharge** - all of the water used in the building is treated on site

**Net positive energy** - more than enough energy is generated onsite by solar panels

**Equity of Place** - all occupants and neighbors have access to abundant daylight and fresh air

“We were very fortunate to have found a building, a true diamond-in-the-rough, on Historic R-Street in Midtown Sacramento,” said Kenner Kingston, Architectural Nexus President. “We are even more fortunate to have transformed it and ourselves, as occupants, into a connected, living ecosystem.”

In addition to the Living Building Challenge, the project seeks other certifications including the US Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification and SEED Network’s Social Economic Environmental Design certification.

Arch Nexus was pleased to partner with a national and international team of experts including:

**2020 Engineering** - Net Positive Water Consultant  
**Warren Consulting** - Civil Engineering  
**Miyamoto International** - Structural Engineering  
**Glumac** - Integrated MEP Engineering + Lighting Design  
**Capital Engineering** - Commissioning Agent  
**MarketOne Builders** - General Contractor  
**Habitat Horticulture** - Living Wall Design + Build  
**Sustain3** - Occupant Engagement

Architectural Nexus is one of only three SEED consulting firms in the nation and, as such, maintains the belief that design can play a vital role in the most critical issues that face communities and individuals. To accomplish this, SEED provides tools to lead design professionals toward community-based engagement with design practice. These tools support a public-interest methodology that is increasingly recognized as an effective way to sustain the health and longevity of a place or a community as it develops over time. Community-based design features were explored and implemented through a series of community meetings and interactions. The building is a civilized environment that is woven into the neighborhood and culture of the Historic R Street District.

Arch | Nexus SAC is more than an office building; it is a place that is an example of how a building can regenerate the environment and the community as well as inspire a new trend in design.

**We are, by design, creating the world in which we live.**

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