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LCA Architects open new office on Fifth Street

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ELKO — The creative minds that constructed some of Elko's most unique facilities are back in Elko and are ready to build.

LCA Architects held a grand opening Sept. 12 for its new office at 392 Fifth St.

The full-service architectural firm opened an Elko office back in 1995, but a bust in the gold industry led the company to return to the main office in Boise, managing partner Nate Turner said.

"We've continued to have projects in Elko even when we weren't centered here," Turner said.

The company is responsible for nearly 50 projects in Elko, many of which, Turner said, are the "most significant buildings that really define the community."

The LCA Architects' portfolio includes the Elko County Law Enforcement Complex, Nannini Administration Building, the Regional Airport terminal, Pacific Steel and Recycling, and several projects for Great Basin College.

LCA Architects designed the college's Electrical/Industrial Technology Building, renovated the Leonard Center for Student Life, and installed an amphitheater as part of the company's Campus Enhancement project.

The company is currently developing the college's Griswold Hall.

"We just knew that we had to be back here (in Elko)," Turner said. "We feel like we're a part of the community. It just took the right person to come along to bring us back."

Managing Architect Byron Smith was that person, Turner said.

Smith worked for the Washington State University Capital Planning and Development Department before joining LCA Architects.

"I love Elko," Smith said. "It's a really small town and there are advantages that come with it. The people are really friendly and I love the outdoors."



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By returning to Elko, the company expects operations to be more timely and cost-efficient.

“Our service will be right where the action is,” Turner said. “We can help facilitate the client’s vision.”

For information about LCA Architects, visit www.lcarch.com.