

Clark & Enersen: 75 Years (and counting) of design leadership

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.—On February 1, Clark & Enersen—formerly The Clark Enersen Partners—reached a major milestone: 75 years in business.

The accomplished design firm is behind countless designs across the country, particularly in the Midwest where its business began. Founded in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1946, Clark & Enersen established its first out-of-state office in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1999 and has been a fixture in the Kansas City metro and throughout both Kansas and Missouri.

Clark & Enersen is nationally recognized for its award-winning Science & Technology team encompassing a growing roster of experts solely dedicated to the programming, planning, and design of \$5 billion+ worth of science and technology facilities. Coming in at No. 15 in Giants top 400 rankings of the nation's best science and technology firms in 2020, they continue to assert themselves as thought leaders among the industry's best. Through longstanding relationships with higher education institutions, government agencies, private industries, and public-private partnerships (P3), they have designed spaces fostering teaching and discovery, health science and biomedical research, veterinary and agricultural science, and engineering education and research.

The firm is also established as a strong design firm in additional market sectors, including sports and recreation, civic, government, library, K-12 school, higher education, and corporate facility planning and design. In the area, Clark & Enersen has designed many high-profile civic, government, science and technology, and higher education spaces in the Kansas City metro, Kansas, and Missouri. This includes:

- The University of Missouri's National Swine Resource and Research Center in Columbia, Missouri.
- University of Missouri Research Animal Diagnostic Laboratory
- Pet Health & Nutrition Center at Kansas State University
- The State of Missouri's Public Health Laboratory in Jefferson City, Missouri.
- City of Olathe Environmental Laboratory
- Agricultural Learning Center at Northwest Missouri State University
- Translational Medicine Institute at Colorado State University

"Our firm is committed to improving the quality of life for communities through design," said Senior Principal **Rick Wise, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP**, director of architecture and construction administration for Clark & Enersen's Kansas City office. "Between our work for government

agencies, civic spaces, and higher education institutions, we are proud of the impact we have made. We have a talented team focused on helping our clients realize their vision.”

Longevity isn't the only thing Clark & Enersen has celebrated this year. In January, the firm unveiled its new brand and restored its original name, showcasing the new logo and branding through [an animation video](#) and [a new, overhauled website](#).

In February, Clark & Enersen announced plans to share their unique history through a year-long campaign. Across its social media channels and website, the public can learn all about the firm, including:

- The backstory of namesakes Kenneth B. Clark and Lawrence A. Enersen, two Harvard graduates who founded a firm predicated on cross-discipline collaboration.
- How Clark & Enersen has made a positive impact in communities, from Nebraska to Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, and beyond.
- The firm's impactful designs and the people who helped bring them from an idea to the built environment.

Follow the firm on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to follow the #ClarkEnersen75 history campaign.

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