

David L. Richter Named Chief Executive Officer at BE&K Building Group

BE&K Building Group announces a CEO transition, welcoming David L. Richter to lead the company into its next chapter of growth and continued success.

RALEIGH, NC, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- BE&K Building Group (BE&K), a leading design-build and construction management services company with more than 55 years of national experience delivering complex, high-performance projects, has [announced](#) that David L. Richter, PE, PMP, CCQM, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Frank Holley, who has served as the company's CEO since 2019, has transitioned to the role of Chairman as part of a planned leadership succession.



Left to right: Pat Chisholm, President, BE&K Building Group; Nidal Zayed, CEO, President, & Chairman of the Board, Pernix Group; David Richter, CEO, BE&K Building Group; Frank Holley, Chairman, BE&K Building Group

Nidal Zayed, Chairman, President, and CEO of Pernix Group (BE&K's parent company), remarked that this transition honors the company's growth under Frank's leadership and sets the stage for its next chapter under David. "Under Frank's guidance, BE&K has achieved significant growth in recent years. Frank has produced a stronger organization through his visionary leadership, unwavering commitment to the company's clients, and focus on a culture centered on safety and service excellence," he said. "As a Pernix board member for nearly five years, David's deep understanding of BE&K's business, his proven leadership, and his commitment to our company's values position him well to lead the company through its next phase of growth and innovation."

Reflecting on the transition, Holley shared, "Leading this company as its CEO for the past seven years has been the privilege of my career, and I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together. Our success has always been driven, first and foremost, by the

dedication of our leadership and employees and the trust of our clients and business partners. I am excited about BE&K's future under David's leadership and its next phase of growth, supported by BE&K's President and Chief Operating Officer Pat Chisholm. I look forward to working closely with David over the next several months during this leadership transition."

Richter is a civil engineer, attorney, and successful business executive with more than 30 years of experience in executive leadership, strategic planning, project management, infrastructure development, corporate law and governance, and mergers and acquisitions in the engineering and construction industry. Most recently, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Growth Officer with the national engineering and construction firm Atwell, where he led strategic growth efforts which resulted in the doubling of that firm's annual revenue in just four years. Before that, he worked for 22 years at the global construction management firm Hill International. During that time, he rose from General Counsel to Group President to Chief Operating Officer and eventually to Chief Executive Officer, leading an increase in Hill's annual revenue from less than \$20 million to more than \$620 million.

Richter earned his B.S. in management, B.S.E. in civil engineering, and J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania; his M.Sc. in major program management from the University of Oxford; his M.P.A. from Harvard University; and his M.S. in civil engineering from Columbia University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia; a certified Project Management Professional; a Certified Construction Quality Manager; and a Chartered Construction Manager. He has also been named a Fellow of both the Construction Management Association of America and the Chartered Institute of Building.

"I am deeply honored to step into this role to lead BE&K going forward, building on the strong foundation established by Frank and Pat. I am also excited to work alongside the company's talented leadership and employees as we endeavor to continue delivering exceptional results and value for BE&K's clients and business partners," said Richter. "Together, we will continue to innovate, grow, and strengthen the business while staying true to the values that have defined the company's success."

As Richter assumes the company's leadership, BE&K will remain focused on executing its strategic priorities, continuing to safely deliver outstanding service to its clients, investing in its employees, and creating long-term value for its stakeholders. Supported by a strong leadership team and the continued backing of its parent company, BE&K is well-positioned for this next chapter of growth.

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