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### **First Companies Builds Executive Team Anticipating Future Growth**

*Two new vice presidents join staff to support growth in construction and property management*

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First Companies announced today the company has hired CJ MacKenzie as vice president of construction and Colin Schiefler as vice president of property management. Both join the leadership team to position the company well for the rapid growth anticipated in 2018 and beyond.

CJ MacKenzie started his career as a site superintendent, also working as a project manager before becoming vice president of another local construction firm. CJ brings extensive experience and skills in quality construction, developing long-term client relationships and team management to First Companies. He oversees a wide range of projects from historic renovations and downtown mixed-use buildings to major remodels and numerous ground-up construction projects across Western Michigan.

The expertise Colin Schiefler brings to the First Companies team began in 2005 with his work as director of property management in Kalamazoo. Over the years, Colin has managed hundreds of residential buildings as well as commercial offices, overseeing complete property maintenance as well as all leasing activities.

*“In 2018, we are going to see tremendous growth, primarily in construction, but also in property management,”* noted Craig Baker, president of First Companies. *“We’re honored to have two strong leaders join our team to prepare us for what’s ahead. The addition of CJ and Colin will ensure we maintain the quality and service levels our clients have come to expect, even as the company continues to expand.”*

*“First Companies is quite unique in that we offer real estate, construction, and property management services all under one roof,”* commented Matt Sink, Chief Operating Officer. *“We are able to assist clients with buy, build or lease options and are often called upon to manage the buildings we construct. Joining Ty Hallock, our vice president of real estate, we now have vice presidents in each of these key areas, giving our customers a full range of services to meet all of their space needs.”*

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**About First Companies**

First Companies, Inc. offers commercial real estate, construction and property management services in Michigan and surrounding areas. For nearly 50 years, the company has built a reputation for creating exceptional physical spaces where businesses thrive – offering vast expertise from locating and developing land, and facilitating the sale or lease of properties, to all aspects of construction, and providing ongoing property management and maintenance for building owners. First Companies is unique in its cross-disciplinary approach and frequently participates as an investor in new projects, pulling together different investment groups depending on the short- and longer-term needs of the customer. The company is well-known for its ethics, integrity and creative problem solving, with highly-experienced professionals on staff in each business area – all under one roof.

### **About Bengtson Center**

Board-certified plastic surgeon, Dr. Brad Bengtson founded the Bengtson Center for Plastic Surgery in 2008 to serve patients in West Michigan—including Grand Rapids, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Detroit, and Bloomfield Hills—and from across the United States. Dr. Bengtson’s concierge plastic surgery practice offers breast surgery (augmentation and lifts), body surgery (such as liposuction and tummy tucks), and face surgery (such as facelifts and rhinoplasty), as well as nonsurgical cosmetic solutions like BOTOX®, dermal fillers, CoolSculpting®, Kybella®, Ultherapy and more. Dr. Bengtson is an author, international lecturer and educator, national trainer for several Allergan products and founding member of Allergan's Executive Council. He has been nominated by his peers multiple times to appear in Castle Connolly’s Top Doctors®, and has been named “Best Plastic Surgeon” in Grand Rapids by *Grand Rapids Magazine* for seven years in a row.

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