



## Architecture Firms Richard Yen & Associates and AO Join Forces to Form RY+AO

New partnership bolsters expertise and infrastructure for expansion; grows San Diego market

**Richard Yen & Associates** (RY+A), a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) is pleased to announce that they have entered into a strategic partnership with **AO**, a leading full-service architecture firm with design expertise spanning the full commercial real estate spectrum, to form RY+AO. The new venture combines RY+A's renowned technical expertise working with public utilities, corporate and civic clients with AO's more than 45 years of global commercial architecture and design experience. **The partnership will pursue diverse architecture and planning assignments within the public and private sectors including government, healthcare, science and technology, and other critical facilities from RY+AO's new San Diego office location.**

"We are thrilled to join the AO family and evolve the 30-year legacy of Richard Yen & Associates. As RY+AO, our team has access to new tools, technologies, and an expanded roster of design talent that will bolster our delivery capabilities for new and existing clients," said Richard Yen, RY+AO managing partner.

"AO's strategic partnership with a prestigious firm like Richard Yen & Associates is a natural fit," said AO managing partner Rob Budetti. "Richard and his team's deep technical expertise, ability to deliver tailored design solutions for complex architecture assignments and collaborative approach is uniquely complementary to how the AO team works."

The strategic partnership between the two powerhouse firms represents a new chapter that will advance each company's ability to address the diverse needs of the growing San Diego market. Together, RY+AO will offer specialized and elevated architecture and planning services for sophisticated clients who value diversity, technical execution, and smart design.