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**Fire Protection Expert Carl Baldassarra Joins WJE**

NORTHBROOK, IL (September 12, 2014) -

One of the nation's leading fire protection and life safety experts, Carl Baldassarra, has joined the Northbrook, Illinois, headquarters of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) as Principal and Unit Manager. Mr. Baldassarra, renowned for his work in fire protection engineering, has worked extensively with WJE on past projects, including the 2006 Metropolitan Highway System Stem-to-Stern Safety Review in Boston, Massachusetts. In his new capacity with WJE, Mr. Baldassarra will build and lead WJE's fire protection practice.

Over his career, Mr. Baldassarra has managed operations, led project teams, and has participated in numerous design, consulting, and research projects. Mr. Baldassarra is a recognized authority on the model code development process through his long-time participation in several national codes- and standards-making technical committees. He is also recognized for his development of innovative alternate methods and application of performance-based design principles to a wide range of facilities. His experience also includes fire protection and life safety program development, code consultation, system design, property and casualty loss prevention surveys, loss investigations, litigation support, and related services.

Prior to joining WJE, Mr. Baldassarra was the Executive Vice President of Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc. in Chicago, where he managed the firm's western region and practice development. His experience also spans more than thirty-five years at Schirmer (Aon) Engineering Corporation in Deerfield, Illinois, where he most recently served as president of the firm and was responsible for operations in all regional offices.

Mr. Baldassarra has served and is currently active on the committees of several organizations and is a Fellow and President of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. He holds a bachelor of science in fire protection and safety engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology and a master of business administration from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management. Mr. Baldassarra is a licensed engineer in several states.

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