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## VHB appoints McArdle to CDO and Ashworth to COO

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Mike McArdle, VHB Bill Ashworth, VHB

Watertown, MA VHB has appointed Mike McArdle to chief development officer (CDO) and Bill Ashworth, PE, ENV SP, to chief operating officer (COO). These new roles have been established in response to continued strategic growth and will advance VHB's market connectedness and operations as the firm evolves to meet increasing client challenges and opportunities.

As CDO, McArdle will be responsible for establishing, guiding, directing, and overseeing the strategic growth of VHB's markets and services with a focus on fostering deeper client relationships, as well as business development growth programs throughout the firm's current and targeted footprint. Since joining VHB 18 years ago, McArdle has served as VHB's national director of transit and rail, and then as transportation market and service leader. In these roles, he's focused on building VHB's geographic and market prominence throughout the east coast.

Ashworth, COO, will be responsible for executing and implementing VHB's regional and office operations effectively by working with regional managers. During his 20-year career at VHB, Ashworth has played an important role in helping to solve complex challenges across public and private sector markets. He advanced to various leadership roles within the firm's Rhode Island office before being named managing director. Most recently, Ashworth has served as New England regional manager, and has consistently worked to grow and improve business performance throughout the region.

McArdle relocated from Boston to New York City in 2016 to help expand VHB's team, services, and market connectedness. He will continue to work from NYC as CDO.

"I'm inspired by Mike and Bill's energy and their passion for solving client challenges," said Carragher. "They are at the forefront of evolving industry trends and I look forward to working closely with them as VHB aggressively moves forward with a focus on always being at our best – delivering sustainable, context-driven integrated services."

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