

KEG says partnerships help make region a better place

By KASKAKIA ENGINEERING GROUP

Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC (KEG) has been honored to have a role in many dynamic and community-enhancing projects within the St. Louis Metro region.

Improving the communities in which we work and live is our passion, which is why our partnership with Belleville Township High School District 201 and Farnsworth Group for the development of the Center of Academic and Vocational Excellence Center (The CAVE) is so valuable to our team. This project will repurpose a currently vacant but valuable Belleville property, while enhancing the education and development of our students. We are so proud to be a part of this important project for the Belleville community.

The project’s scope is to repurpose the old Kings Point Sports Club in Belleville into a center of excellence for career and technical education. Initially, the CAVE will offer advanced culinary arts, carpentry, construction, automotive, technology, welding, metal fabrication, and machining. The facility will also house indoor sporting activities and fitness training.

The demolition contract work is being done by Millennium Construction and will be completed at the end of February. Farnsworth Group and KEG are currently completing the construction documents for the building and the site. KEG is leading the project with civil design, structural engineering, and contract coordination. Farnsworth Group is managing all interior and architecture design. The project is scheduled to be completed in

time for the 2022/2023 school year at a project cost of approximately \$5 million.

“While many of KEG’s projects involve large-scale or regional improvements with DOTs and other agencies, it’s these projects that we get the most excited about,” said Geri Boyer, KEG founder and president. “Engineering is all about improving the world which surrounds us. What’s better than being a part of that in the community you live in? Watching students and families enjoy this space and grow as individuals is what it’s all about. We are so fortunate to be a part of this with our friends at District 201 and Farnsworth.”

The Kings Point property at 7645 Magna Drive has 100,000 square feet and was originally built as a fitness club, featuring tennis courts, tanning rooms, and open gym areas. The project will transform the building into classrooms and technology labs, even restoring the former kitchen space back into a spectacular commercial-grade kitchen for culinary arts. The vision behind this project started many years ago, with District 201’s Superintendent Brian Mentzer and Assistant Superintendent Dustin Bilbruck now leading the charge.

Founded in 2006 in Belleville, KEG is a full-service engineering and contracting firm providing transportation engineering, site development, civil engineering, geotechnical, environmental consulting, structural engineering, and construction engineering. Boyer is founder/sole owner and manages the firm of 55 employees, operating in four states with a wide range of projects and expertise.

What should you look for in an office furniture provider?

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Are you in the market for new office furniture? Whether you’re redesigning or refurbishing your workspace, the office furniture provider you choose is just as important as the furniture you buy.

When it comes to choosing an office furniture provider, you should partner with someone that understands your goals and provides you with convenient solutions, so you can focus on running your business.

Here at Egyptian Workspace Partners, we have 140 years of industry experience, which means we know what to look for and what to avoid when it comes to your office furniture provider.

In this article, we’ll take a look at exactly what you should look for in an office furniture provider, as well as the questions you should ask to ensure you choose the right one.

1. Continuous Support and Services

The most crucial part of any furniture purchase is what comes after the sale. Your office furniture provider should always be there for you, even after your furniture is paid for, delivered, assembled, and installed.

Some furniture providers outsource the service and installation of their products, which means they have little to no control over what happens after the initial sale. If your furniture breaks, there may be no way of fixing it.

The ideal partner will support

you through the entire buying process. They should offer in-house resources and a complete range of complementary services, such as project management, delivery and installation, and more.

Most importantly, they should be able to provide you with continuous support after your furniture is installed, such as repairs or warranty claims, whether it’s five or even ten years down the road.

2. Complementary Design Services

No two offices are exactly the same, which is why it’s important to partner with an office furniture provider that doesn’t believe in a one size fits all approach.

The ideal partner will take the time to listen to your specific needs and deliver a custom design plan for you. They’ll ask questions about what you need, what you’re looking for, and the vision you’re hoping to achieve.

They should also be able to use top-of-the-line technology to create realistic floor plans, provide several furniture finish and material options, and give you an accurate and detailed furniture installation package.

Additionally, you should never have to pay for these services. While some design firms charge a large fee to design a layout, a furniture provider can usually do it for free without compromising products and solutions.

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