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DAYTON BUSINESS JOURNAL (OHIO) Growing Dayton's oldest firm

LWC, having been founded in 1927, is Dayton, Ohio's oldest A/E firm and has now become a Dayton-certified Minority Business Enterprise in an effort to attract more work. Brittany Hart reports that Cuban-native John Fabelo and black Micheal Downing recently increased their ownership share to 51 percent in order to make the firm eligible as an MBE. "The city of Dayton also requires a certain amount of minority employees to work on each building project, and LWC now meets those specifications without hiring additional architects and engineers from other cities," Hart writes. The firm plans to apply for similar certification from the state of Ohio.