



# FBT ARCHITECTS

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At FBT Architects, we like to say we're a design firm practicing architecture.

This is a philosophy that has served the company well, making them a fixture in the Duke City for more than a half-century by providing a WOW factor to all they do, whether it's project work for valued clients or genuine partnerships within the firm. FBT has numerous exciting projects in the works, including UNM Hospitals' new Critical Care Tower, ABQ Sunport TSA Checkpoint and Terminal Renovation and the UNM Philanthropy Building, to name a few.

In the 39 years since current President/Director of Design Art Tatum came on board, the firm has grown from eight people to a staff of over 60 with additional offices in Colorado Springs and Dallas, both of which are thriving and growing.

It will continue to be onward and upward — literally — for FBT in the coming months. By the beginning of 2025, FBT will move into a new office at the top of 500 Marquette in Downtown Albuquerque. In addition to breathtaking views of the city, the space

is a collaborative project that has solicited input from all levels of the firm. That's all part of Tatum's vision to keep the company at the forefront of the industry while supporting downtown Albuquerque's revitalization efforts.

FBT has been able to enjoy longevity because of its ability to adapt. "We have a forward-thinking, young-hearted firm, and I want this space to represent that," Tatum says. "It's going to be a high-bay space with lots of industrial materials like plywood, metal, and an exposed steel structure and building systems. The new office will have a lot of collaboration spaces and a maker space that supports how we work together and practice architecture."

"I'm excited about the opportunity to work in a great space that is designed to respect the 360-degree views of Albuquerque while providing opportunities for maximum staff interaction," Tatum says. "Architecture and designing buildings should be fun. This new studio environment should only enhance that and be a place where our people want to be."