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Arora Ranks in ENR's 2026 Top 500 Design Firms List

AWARDS | May 13, 2026

As Arora celebrates 40 years of growth and impact, we are proud to be ranked on ENR's 2026 Top 500 Design Firms list, marking our sixth year of recognition on this prestigious list.

This milestone reflects both our continued presence among leading firms and the steady growth that has defined Arora over the past four decades. From our beginnings to today, our progress has been driven by the strength, dedication, and expertise of our team.

We are grateful for the team who have shaped our journey and remain committed to building on this momentum, delivering meaningful solutions and lasting value for our clients and communities.

To see the full list of the rankings, *click here.*

The First 40 Years: The Origins of Arora Engineers

OUR HISTORY | May 19, 2026

In celebration of our 40th anniversary year, we sat down with Manohar (Mike) L. Arora, MS, PE, founder of Arora Engineers (Arora), to reflect on the firm's origins. From humble beginnings to a globally recognized infrastructure solutions powerhouse, Mike shares the principles and decisions that built the foundation for four decades of exponential growth.

The Power of One Decision

In January 1971, after working on his immigration plan and paperwork for over a year, Mike Arora arrived in America with eight dollars in his pocket, which was all the exchange money he was permitted to bring.

He left behind a middle-class life in Moga, Punjab, one of six children raised in a family where education was prized and opportunity required sacrifice. He had earned his bachelor's in electrical engineering from the Karnataka Regional Engineering College, Surathkal (now the National Institute of Technology), married his wife Adarsh, and welcomed his first son, Manik. But he knew his future would be limited if he stayed.

"I was self-motivated to get ahead in America, the land of opportunity — a land of immigrants," Mike says. **"With an engineering degree in hand, I was determined to make my dreams come true."**

This year, the firm celebrates 40 years in business. But its origin story began long before 1986. *Click here* to read more about Arora's origins.

Manik Arora Named 2026 Diversity in Business Honoree by the Philadelphia Business Journal

AWARDS | April 8, 2026

Arora is proud to share that President & CEO Manik Arora has been recognized by the Philadelphia Business Journal as a 2026 Diversity in Business honoree, celebrating leaders who are advancing inclusion while driving meaningful business impact.

Under his leadership, Arora has grown from a regional engineering firm into a global infrastructure solutions provider, delivering integrated services across planning, design, construction, and enterprise technology. Manik has led more than 2,500% revenue growth and expanded the firm's presence across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. His leadership is grounded in Arora's mission of Rethinking Infrastructure®, combining engineering, technology, and data to create more resilient and efficient systems that better serve communities.

Broward County Government's Economic Engine Event & PWC

EVENTS | June 10, 2026

At Arora, we believe diverse perspectives help build stronger teams, better projects, and more innovative solutions.

Recently, members of our team attended events hosted by Professional Women in Construction (PWC), New York and Broward County Government's Economic Engine Event, connecting with industry leaders and professionals across the construction, aviation, and transportation sectors.

We were pleased to connect with industry leaders including Gina Grande Rivera, Executive Director of PWC, Mark Gale, CEO and Director of Aviation at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL), and Maribel Feliciano, Director of Small Business Development for Broward County.

Thank you to our team members for representing Arora and supporting organizations that help advance leadership, collaboration, and professional growth throughout our industry: Masha Drozdov, AIA, NCARB, Sikander Jain, Nick Ryan, PMP, DeAndre Bell, PMP.

Airport Maximo User Group Conference

EVENTS | June 12, 2026

From industry discussions and Maximo updates to networking and a little baseball, this year's event brought together airport asset management professionals for valuable conversations and insights. Thank you to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) for hosting another successful AMUG, and to this year's sponsors for helping make the event possible. A special shoutout to our own Steve Bisch, Tim Conrad, and Jess Williams for contributing their expertise and industry perspective. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event a great experience. We're already planning big things for AMUG 2027!

PHL USO Lounge Named 2026 Project of the Year by Airport Business

AWARDS | April 29, 2026

The USO Lounge at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) continues to gain national recognition, most recently being named one of Airport Business Magazine's 2026 Projects of the Year. Serving as prime design-builder, Arora led the project from early planning through final delivery. Working within an active terminal, the team balanced design intent, operational constraints, and user experience to deliver a space that is both highly functional and meaningful.

Learn more about the USO Lounge project at PHL *here.*

Photos Courtesy of D&R Construction

Monyx Office Visit

NEWS | May 7, 2026

Recently, Manik Arora and Steve Bisch traveled to India to visit the Monyx office alongside Balamurali Rengasami. The trip provided an opportunity to connect with team members in person, strengthen relationships across offices, and gain firsthand insight into the talent and capabilities supporting projects across the organization. During their visit, they met with staff, toured the office, and discussed future growth opportunities as Arora continues to expand its global presence. The visit reinforced the value of collaboration across teams and highlighted the important role the India office plays in supporting clients and delivering successful projects worldwide.

Supporting Pets and the Planet: 40 Acts for 40 Years

PHILANTHROPY | April 23, 2026

As part of our 40 Acts for 40 Years initiative, Arora launched 40 Acts for Pets and the Planet during Earth month, encouraging our team to take simple actions that support both animal welfare and the environment.

Learn more about Arora's philanthropy and community initiatives *here.*

USPS National Postal Forum

NEWS | May 7, 2026

Our team is reflecting on a great week at the National Postal Forum! From reconnecting with partners to meeting new faces across the postal and logistics industry, NPF 2026 was a great opportunity for conversations around the future of USPS facilities, infrastructure, and operational efficiency.

Arora Co-Leads Tour of Historic 30th Street Station Redevelopment

PROJECTS | May 7, 2026

Arora was proud to co-lead a recent tour of Amtrak's William H. Gray III 30th Street Station alongside Gilbane Building Company on behalf of SMPS Philadelphia. The behind-the-scenes tour was led by Alex Alqaq, Sr. Project Manager, and offered insight into the infrastructure supporting one of the nation's most critical rail systems, highlighting the scale and sophistication of modern rail environments. From complex station operations to the coordination required to maintain efficiency and safety, it was a firsthand look at what keeps everything running smoothly.

Transforming U.S. 20 West of Stockton

PROJECTS | June 24, 2026

JWI serves as the Prime Consultant on the Illinois Department of Transportation's Reconstruction along U.S. Route 20 from Logeman Road to Rush Street in Stockton, IL. Our services included on-site layout, inspection & testing, project documentation, and contract administration. Our team led various key improvements under this contract, including horizontal and vertical realignments, full-depth pavement reconstruction, and widening of the roadway cross-section to incorporate left-turn lanes, a dedicated truck climbing lane, and paved shoulders throughout the corridor.

To read more about the U.S. 2 West of Stockton Reconstruction, *click here.*

Celebrating Women in Engineering

HOLIDAYS | June 23, 2026

As we celebrate International Women in Engineering Day, we recognize the many women across Arora Engineers and JWI who continue to advance our industry through leadership, innovation, technical excellence, and collaboration. Their contributions strengthen our teams, support our clients, and inspire the next generation of engineers and industry professionals.

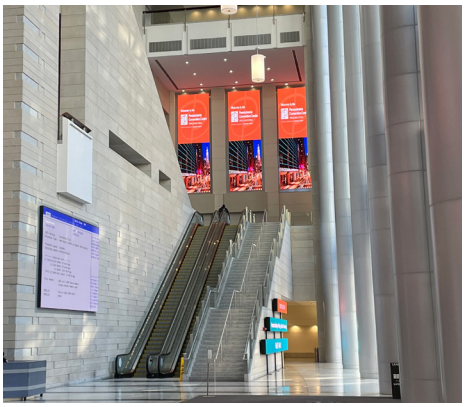
Reflecting on the 2026 WINGS Retreat

EVENTS | June 18, 2026

The 7th annual WINGS Retreat was one filled with connection, intention, and celebration. The event kicked off at Ridgemoor Country Club, with a welcome from Manik Arora and Julie Watts.

Returning guest speaker, Laura Weiner-Kiser, guided attendees through important conversations about both professional and personal growth. She shared different ways teams can lift each other up, reach goals, and navigate the challenges life throws our way. Attendees gained deeper insight into WINGS' mission and how Arora and JWI can continue to be better together, with WINGS leading the way.

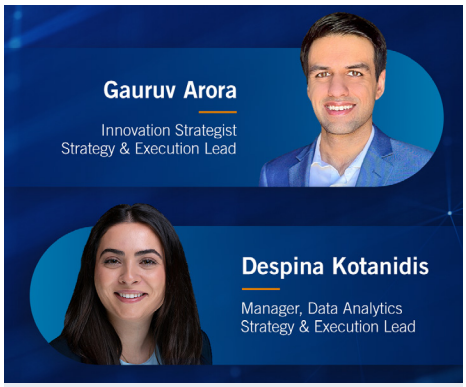
To read more about the WINGS Retreat, *click here.*



Pennsylvania Convention Center, Digital Display Site Visit

NEWS | June 9, 2026

The Arora team recently visited the Pennsylvania Convention Center to see Phase I of its digital display modernization program in action, led by Uber Displays. Members of the Arora project team, including Andruw Szczawinski, Sr. Electrical Designer, and Matthew Szymanski, Special Systems Project Lead, toured the facility to view the completed installation and experience the technology firsthand. Seeing the system live brought the scale of the upgrade into focus. From the 79-foot digital ribbon in the Broad Street Atrium to immersive vertical and curved displays throughout the facility, the technology is transforming how visitors navigate and experience the space. To read more about the project, *click here.*



A Note from the Office of Transformation

"Through OOT, we are focused on helping Arora strengthen how work moves across the firm, use technology and data with greater intention, and build scalable ways of working that can evolve with our people, our tools, and the future needs of our business and clients. "

- Gauruv Arora and Despina Kotanidis

Welcome New Hires

EMPLOYEES | June 18, 2026

We are pleased to welcome Holly Marrone and Allison Graves to our team. Their expertise in their respective fields will propel us forward as our business continues to grow and evolve. We are excited to also announce that over the last quater, we have welcomed 30 new employees to the team. Welcome Aboard!

Holly Marrone, MSOD, SHRM-SCP

Senior Vice President, Human Resources

As Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Holly will play a key role in shaping Arora's culture and supporting the growth of our teams. She will partner closely with leadership to strengthen how we attract, develop, and retain talent, while fostering a workplace where collaboration, trust, and performance go hand in hand.

To read more about Holly's background, *click here.*

Allison Graves

Director of Buildings and Places

Allison is a Professional Engineer with 20 years of experience in mechanical engineering across diverse building types, with expertise in HVAC, fire protection, piping, heat recovery, humidification, and medical/lab systems. She specializes in healthcare projects ranging from lab renovations and imaging suites to full medical/surgical facilities. Her experience includes complex, multi-phase projects, system integration, and LEED-focused, high-performance design.

Promotions

Joti Baruni, PE – Managing Director
Ian Bisonó – Sr. Project Controller
Victor Mendoza – Project Engineer II
Chase Miller, PE – Vice President, Chief Engineer

New Hires

Elizabeth Arias Angel – Project Engineer I
Genesis Barrios – Assistant Project Manager I
Sathwik Bhattathiri – Assistant Project Manager I
Shirley Christopher – Sr. Billing Analyst
Mason Davis – Data Operations Analyst
David Delgado – Electrical Designer
Justin Enriquez – Assistant Project Manager
Allison Graves – Director of Buildings and Places
Madeline Halter – Aviation Intern
Giovanni Hernandez – Engineering Intern
Scott Howell, GISP, PMP – Geospatial Practice Lead
Taylor Gunnells – Graphic Designer
Ayesha Khaliq – Aviation Intern

New Hires (continued)

Kruthika Krishna – Construction Management Intern
Reed Landgren – Aviation Intern
Alexis Lucero – Engineering Intern
Holly Marrone, MSOD, SHRM-SCP – Senior Vice President, Human Resources
Yakshi Patel – Project Engineer I
Giana Raffin – Aviation Intern
Maria Rodriguez – Project Engineer I
Ryan Rogala, PE – Electrical Practice Lead
Charles Rucker – Engineering Intern
Emma Schad – GIS Analyst
Luke Shimko – Plumbing Intern
Easton Silverman – Assistant Project Manager I
Brooklyn Stellato – Aviation Intern
Jacob Townsand – Project Manager I
Francisco "Paco" Velez-Cerame – Contracts Specialist
Benjamin Whitney – Engineering Intern
Hing Yip Wu – Electrical Intern

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