



## **John A. Boecker, AIA**

### **Biography**

John Boecker, an architect with 25 years experience, has concentrated his practice exclusively on high performance green buildings for the past 10 years. He has designed five LEED® certified buildings, including two of the first 15 LEED certified projects in the U.S. He also has provided LEED and green building consulting on over 40 additional LEED certified and registered projects. He has practiced architecture in New Haven, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, and Harrisburg.

He became a LEED Accredited Professional in April 2001, serves on the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED Steering Committee, Chairs the USGC LEED Curriculum & Accreditation Committee, and teaches LEED Workshops as a LEED Faculty Member appointed by the USGBC. As a Subject Matter Expert selected by the USGBC, he was a contributing writer of the LEED Accredited Professional Exam, the Essentials of LEED Professional Accreditation On-line training, and the LEED Reference Guides for LEED-NC, LEED-EB, and LEED-CI. He also is under contract with the USGBC to serve as a LEED certification submissions reviewer.

In 1999, Mr. Boecker joined a team of six other professionals to create 7group, a USGBC member and multi-disciplinary consulting group focused on green and sustainable projects. In addition to being a Partner in 7group, he currently serves as Vice President, Director of High Performance Green Design for L. Robert Kimball & Associates. His design work has been recognized by over 40 design awards, including 25 Awards for Design Excellence from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), three Pennsylvania Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence (1998, 2001, 2003), and selection by AIA as one of their nationwide Earth Day 2000 Top Ten. His designs also have been recognized nationally with awards from the American Consulting Engineers Council, Sustainable Building Industry Council, Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, and the Civil Engineering Research Foundation.

Mr. Boecker has been selected twice by the U.S. Department of Energy to participate in the Green Building Challenge (GBC) as designer of three of 10 projects nationwide chosen to represent the U.S. team at the international Sustainable Building 2000 and 2002 conferences, held in Maastricht, The Netherlands and Oslo, Norway. In 2005, he led the U.S. team's efforts at the international Sustainable Building '05 conference in Tokyo.

His design work and green building articles have been featured in over a dozen national publications. In 1999, he helped spearhead the emergence of high performance green buildings in Pennsylvania by contributing to the Commonwealth of PA's *Guidelines for Creating High-Performance Green Buildings*, a document published for utilization by agencies engaged in the design and construction of all state-owned and leased facilities. In 2004, Mr. Boecker was commissioned by the AIA to author the "LEED Services Profile" for their *Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice*.

Mr. Boecker taught Architectural Design at Carnegie Mellon University, and now teaches Architectural Design at Harrisburg Area Community College. He currently serves as the Immediate Past Chair of the Green Building Association of Central Pennsylvania, a USGBC Affiliate that he helped found. He also served as the founding Chair of the Pennsylvania American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment, as a Regional Director on the Board of AIA PA, and as Vice President on the Board of The Janus School. In addition to teaching LEED Advanced Workshops, Mr. Boecker lectures frequently throughout the U.S. about the benefits of designing high performance green buildings, including presentations in 26 states and 5 countries.

Mr. Boecker graduated first in his class in Architecture from Penn State in 1979. He went on to obtain his Master of Architecture degree from Yale University in 1982.