

Kimberly Hickson, AIA

Principal

Kimberly Hickson is the Studio Director for BNIM Architects' Houston Office, which provides architectural services to the firm's current and future institutional research, laboratory, office, education and residential projects. Kimberly's years of architectural experience have strongly emphasized sustainable design. Her interest in the "green" built environment is the result of a personal and professional commitment to making a difference in the practice of architecture. Prior to joining our firm, Kimberly sought grants exploring green architecture while managing her own practice.



Kimberly served as Project manager on the new office building for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in Jefferson City, Missouri. Working closely with a large group of consultants, Kimberly headed the team to produce the "greenest" building with the limited budget given. The team expects a LEED rating of gold or platinum. The building will set new standards for the State of Missouri.

She further emphasized her commitment towards sustainability by graduating with a Masters focusing on environmental issues, as well as obtaining local grants to provide classes, booklets and a web page to educate students and the general public on green architecture. As a former active member of the Environmental Management Commission, she has helped programs for Kansas City, such as recycling at the curb and the adoption of LEED rating standards for all new construction in the City.

Kimberly, who is also a registered Interior Designer, has been involved in all phases of design and construction including serving both as a project manager and project architect in residential, institutional and commercial projects. Most recently, with the move to Houston, Kimberly has applied her knowledge of sustainable design to her own residence. The major renovation—complete with cork floors, Texas stone, and fully daylit space—recently won an AIA Houston Merit Award. This project and is expecting a LEED silver rating.

EDUCATION

Master of Architecture, University of Kansas
Bachelor of Architecture, University of Kansas
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design, Iowa State University

REGISTRATION

Registered Architect, NCARB, Missouri, Texas, 1996
Registered Interior Designer, NCIDQ, 1997
LEED® Accredited Professional

AWARDS

AIA Houston Merit Award, 2004
AIA Kansas City Honor Award, 2001
AIA Kansas City Merit Award, 1998
AIA Kansas City Presidential Award, 1998
Young Architects Design Award, People Choice, 1996

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

USGBC Government Committee, 2003-Present
Environmental Management Commission, Kansas City, 1999-2003
AIA Committee on the Environment, 1993-present
Organizer for the Environmental Design Charrette HOUSE, 1994-present
Roadmap to Green Buildings: Case Studies
Y2K Roadmap to Green Buildings: Case Studies
Neighborhood Housing Services Development Committee, 1995-97
Training for the AIA EDC in Washington, D.C., 1995
Bridging the Gap, Volunteer Architect, 1994-98
Chair AIA COTE, 1985-86
Recipient of the Anderson Window Scholarship, 1991