

Green is Here to Stay / The Top 30 Green Design Firms

Listed below is ENR's first rating system for the top 30 green design firms. The ranking system is based on the companies 2007 revenues from projects that were registered and actively seeking certification from major third-party environmental standards or ratings organizations. These standards measure a building's environmental impact, energy efficiency or carbon footprint. The U.S. Green Building Council and the Green Building Initiative are examples of these groups.

Eli Sherman, President of Vanderweil Engineers, and Don Posson, a Managing Principal, spoke with a reporter from ENR and had the following comments regarding the growing trend in sustainable design:

" Sustainable design even has penetrated the developer market, although some need encouragement from local laws. For example, Boston and Washington, D.C., have local sustainability laws mandating LEED certification for new projects. That is pushing a lot of developers that might resist LEED."

— *Eli Sherman, President, Vanderweil Engineers*

" When you have a small project, LEED requirements become increasingly more cumbersome, discouraging some small owners."

— *Don Posson, Managing Principal, Vanderweil Engineers*

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1. HOK, St. Louis, Mo.
2. URS Corp., San Francisco, Calif.
3. Gensler, San Francisco, Calif.
4. HKS Inc., Dallas, Texas
5. Fluor Corp., Irving, Texas
6. Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., Raleigh, N.C.
7. AECOM Technology Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Perkins+Will, Chicago, Ill.
9. Tetra Tech Inc., Pasadena, Calif.
10. Perkins Eastman, New York, N.Y.
11. Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP, Portland, Ore.
12. Callison, Seattle, Wash.
13. SmithGroup Inc., Detroit, Mich.
14. Hammel Green and Abrahamson Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.
15. HDR, Omaha, Neb.
16. Flad Architects, Madison, Wis.
17. The Facility Group, Smyrna, Ga.
18. WSP Group, New York, N.Y.
19. KlingStubbins, Philadelphia, Pa.
20. Langan Eng'g and Enviromental Services, Elmwood Park, N.J.
21. Leo A Daly, Omaha, Neb.
22. Cannon Design, Grand Island, N.Y.
23. EwingCole, Philadelphia, Pa.
24. Wallace Roberts & Todd LLC, Philadelphia, Pa.
25. Fentress Architects, Denver, Colo.
26. **Vanderweil Engineers, Boston, Mass.**
27. The Benham Cos. LLC, Oklahoma City, Okla.
28. Ballinger, Philadelphia, Pa.
29. Cooper Carry, Atlanta, Ga.
30. Black & Veatch, Overland Park, Kan.