



Biography: Robert B. Skolozdra, AIA, LEED AP Partner and Sustainable Design Specialist

“Collaboration is the key to a project’s success. In every architectural program we undertake, the design of a collaborative process represents the first step. This is imperative, because the manner in which we work together – internally and with our clients, design partners and contractors – ultimately defines an outcome that extends to the wider community of users and world at large. Our ability to build and hone personal relationships inspires the creation of highly functional spaces where environmental, human and technological needs are carefully integrated. Collaboration is the best way – the only way – to fully realize that.” - Robert Skolozdra

With more than 20 years of professional experience to his credit, Bob Skolozdra maintains a passion for advancing human enrichment with architecture. He is a firm believer in sustainability and improving people’s lives through the built environment, and is therefore committed to balancing inspirational elements with functional requirements to satisfy the needs of human comfort and environmental responsibility.

As a partner at Svigals + Partners, Skolozdra’s dedication to harmonious, sustainable design is matched by his resolve to provide outstanding customer service. This determination to exceed client expectations complements the firm’s culture of collaboration: to exchange ideas and information – among Svigals + Partners team members, contractors, clients and creative partners – through every project phase. By working on a collaborative basis, Skolozdra offers the attention to detail that directly impacts each project’s overall success.

Consequently, over the years, he has supervised countless educational, research, commercial and residential projects, including the Center for Information Technology at Norwalk Community College; the Carroll School of Management at Boston College; regional FBI headquarters in New Haven, Conn.; research laboratories for Kodak/SIS, BIOS and CuraGen; and various office facilities within the greater New Haven area.

His penchant for sustainable design has enabled him to lead the firm’s efforts in that arena and, as a result, he oversees a large number of high profile science and technology clients/projects. Since 1994, he has managed more than 100 laboratory renovations at the Yale University School of Medicine. In fact, under his direction, the firm’s innovative renovation of a 17,000-square-foot wing at Yale’s Sterling Hall

of Medicine earned a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating for commercial interiors, becoming the first LEED-CI rated laboratory renovation in the country.

Further, in his capacity as a laboratory planner at Svigals + Partners, Skolozdra has presented on the topics of laboratory design and environmental sustainability at several industry conferences, including Labs21, SCUP and *R&D Magazine*'s laboratory design workshop.

In addition, he oversees workflow within the office, employee recruitment, and staff development, among other professional responsibilities.

Skolozdra holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from Roger Williams University, Bristol, R.I. A registered architect in Connecticut and a member of the American Institute of Architects, he joined Svigals + Partners in 1988 as an intern, became an associate in 2001, and was named a partner in 2008.

He is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Labs Committee and earned LEED accreditation in 2006. Additionally, he serves as chairman of the Architectural Department Curriculum Committee at Platt Technical High School, Milford, Conn. Moreover, because he embraces community and world service, Skolozdra sits on the board of WIKS U.S.A. Inc., a non-profit corporation supporting efforts to improve education and health in Africa. In keeping with this interest, he recently consulted with architects in Kenya on a 120-bed residential school for AIDS-orphaned children.

Skolozdra is a native of Milford, Conn. He currently resides in Hamden, Conn. with his wife and two children.

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