

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Celebrating 30 Years of Continued Growth - Evolution Through Design

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects (STBA), one of the largest and most respected architectural firms in New Orleans, celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2009. In 1979, I. William "Billy" Sizeler founded I. William Sizeler & Associates with a staff of five. Just six years later, as a result of steady stream of projects and clients, the firm became Sizeler Architects.

In 2005, the firm evolved into Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects to reflect the shared leadership of Billy Sizeler, AIA, Ian Thompson, AIA, RIBA and Thomas Brown, AIA. The following year, the firm's executive team expanded again, naming Brian Faucheux, AIA and Allen Ohlmeyer, AIA, ACHA, ASHE as Principals. In 2008, the firm took another progressive step when it named five Associates: Brian Beadle, AIA, John Owens, AIA, Lisa Quarls, AIA, ASHE, LEED AP, Jon Seibert, and Ken Zito, AIA.

Today, Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects has a staff of 50 architects, interior designers, planners, programmers, landscape architects, and construction administrators committed to providing the highest level of service and expertise. The firm offers full architectural, master planning, landscape architecture, and interior design services in-house as well as strategic partnering with outside consultants and specialists.

Over the years, STBA has provided architectural services for many of this region's most prominent clients, in turn building a tremendous portfolio of diversified experience in all types of commercial architectural projects including Corporate, Government, Sports/Leisure, Justice, Libraries, Civic, Education, Healthcare, Historic Preservation, Commercial/Hospitality and Residential. As Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects transitions from one of the oldest to one of the largest architectural firms in Louisiana, the firm is committed to the long-term growth and rebuilding of our community.

The firm has taken the lead on some of the most unique and high-profile projects in the region including:

- Post Katrina renovations to the Louisiana Superdome
- Jefferson Parish General Government Building, Gretna, LA
- Concourse D Renovations and Expansion at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport
- Renovation of the 19th Century Upper Pontalba Apartments in the French Quarter
- Phase IV Expansion of the Ernest N. Morial New Orleans Convention Center
- St. John the Baptist Parish Main Library Branch in LaPlace, LA
- East Jefferson General Hospital Domino Pavilion (Outpatient Facility)
- Student Recreation and Wellness Center at the University of New Orleans

The firm is committed to environmentally sensitive design. "Environmental responsibility is imperative in today's building and construction industry to preserve our natural resources and limit the impact of global warming", stated Ian Thompson. Tommy Brown added, "Our goal is to have all professional staff members earn the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED-AP) designation from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) by 2010". The USGBC promotes the design, construction and operation of buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. The firm has applied energy efficient and sustainable design principles to projects for many years and currently has 3 projects seeking LEED Certification - Dillard University's New Professional Schools Building, UNO Foundation/NASA Research Administration Building, and the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office Intake/Processing Center & Housing and the Kitchen, Warehouse, and Central Plant. In addition, the firm was the first in Louisiana to sign up for the "2030 Challenge" (www.2030challenge.com) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to avoid a disastrous climate change.

As he reflected over the past thirty years and ahead to the future, Billy Sizeler commented "We're on a great journey: evolving as a dynamic, expanding design firm which is helping to rebuild Southeast Louisiana. We're looking forward to the next thirty years, in taking the firm from 'good to great'".