

About Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP

Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM) is one of the leading architecture, interior design, engineering, and urban planning firms in the world, with a nearly 80-year reputation for design excellence and a portfolio that includes some of the most important architectural accomplishments of the 20th and 21st centuries. Since its inception, SOM has been a leader in the research and development of specialized technologies, new processes and innovative ideas, many of which have had a palpable and lasting impact on the design profession and the physical environment. The firm's longstanding leadership in design and building technology has been honored with more than 1,700 awards for quality, innovation, and management. The American Institute of Architects has recognized SOM twice with its highest honor, the Architecture Firm Award—in 1962 and again in 1996. The firm maintains offices in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., London, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Mumbai, and Abu Dhabi.

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Philip Enquist

Partner Philip Enquist, FAIA, is SOM's firm-wide leader for Urban Design and Planning. His work across the globe is committed to designing environmentally healthy and socially uplifting urban areas. The core focuses of his practice are smart growth strategies for regions and the rebuilding of inner cities—revitalizing their commercial centers and neighborhoods; strengthening their infrastructure of streets, transit and parks; improving social infrastructure and educational environments; and preserving the natural environment.

Phil represents SOM as the UT-ORNL Governor's Chair for Energy + Urbanism, a five-year collaboration of Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the University of Tennessee (UT) and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM). Governor's Chair partners work together to advance a holistic vision for sustainability, resilience, and quality of life. Through collaborative research, teaching, and public programming, the Governor's Chair utilizes the strengths of UT, ORNL, and SOM to bring new insight to the largest questions facing cities and regions today with technological innovation, public participation, and environmental stewardship.

AMIE 1.0 is a result of the partnership's first year of collaboration.

Brian Lee

Brian Lee, Design Partner, believes that architecture starts with solving our client's genuine needs, but also must strive to achieve inspirational results that transcend expectations. A fundamental question that guides his work is how a building's aesthetics, program, and tectonics can provide meaning to those who live and work in its spaces. His hands-on design approach is focused on achieving full integration of the natural and built environment through the most innovative design forms, materials, and construction technologies.

Using these simple and essential principles, Lee has designed landmark structures of lasting value and impact around the globe. Directing this international practice — including projects in East and Southeast Asia, Europe, and the Middle East — has honed his collaborative and design leadership skills.

Keith Boswell

As the Technical Partner for SOM's San Francisco office, Boswell orchestrates and oversees detailed design and construction documentation for all San Francisco projects. Since joining SOM in 1981, he has worked on high-rise office buildings, museums, retail spaces, government projects, amusement parks, residential and mixed-use complexes, and international and domestic airport passenger terminals. He has also developed expertise in overseas projects, working with local owners and contractors to use regional materials to meet international standards for quality and performance.

Boswell is a specialist in designing and executing technically complex building systems, such as curtain walls, elevator systems, and special construction. He is actively engaged in the research and application of materials and systems for use in SOM designs.