

**Brian Malarkey**  
AIA, LEED AP

National AIA Young Architect of the Year Award Submission

*“The City of Houston owes a debt of gratitude to Brian Malarkey for his efforts to advance green building in the city and the region.” – Bill White, Houston Mayor*

**Ken L. Ross, FAIA, President, Senior Principal, WHR Architects and AIA Regional Director, Texas, 2006-2008, Texas Society of Architects VP, 2003-2004**

**WHR ARCHITECTS**

Architecture with People in Mind

October 9, 2009

Re: **Brian Malarkey, AIA**, nomination for AIA Young Architect Award

To Whom It May Concern:

Brian Malarkey, AIA, is one of the brightest, most energetic, and influential young architects I have known, and it is my considerable pleasure to nominate him for the AIA Young Architect Award. I met Brian more than five years while serving on the Executive Committee and Board of the Texas Society of Architects. In fewer than 10 years, since his registration, Brian's list of accomplishments reads like a Fellowship nomination for someone far older. In 2001 many Houstonians became aware of his passion for sustainability and his skill as a community leader when he co-founded the 7<sup>th</sup> USGBC Chapter in the US here in Houston.

In 2003 he was elected Chairman of the AIA Houston COTE committee, during which time he organized Gulf Coast Green, a regional symposium and expo now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. For these efforts and his growing body of outstanding architectural projects Brian received the Chapter's 2004 Ben Brewer Young Architect Award. Three years later, based on his leadership and dedication to AIA, Brian became President-elect of AIA Houston, probably becoming the youngest person ever to serve this Chapter as President. During his presidency, he initiated five *major* programs: the Green Building Resource Center for the City of Houston, Houston Disaster Action (HDA) following Hurricane Ike, *GreenWorks Houston* exhibition and publication (continuing now as *GreenWorks Houston 2*), *Green E-Toolbox* monthly newsletter to members, and a Solar Pilot Project to place 100 KW solar panels on the George R. Brown Convention Center. The resulting success of all of these is a greener and more aware City of Houston, including HDA during which volunteers disseminated materials about rebuilding in a sustainable way. These initiatives were all in addition to a myriad of other responsibilities and new ideas Brian continues to generate as Past-President. Brian, unlike most other Chapter leaders, has testified in Austin and advised on state legislation related to sustainability. Such activities have brought credence and admiration from State and Local officials for AIA as well as placing Brian in several advisory positions in the community.

Amazingly, Brian has found time to be active in other community organizations besides USGBC and AIA. He has held leadership positions in the Rice Design Alliance, IIDA, and the Citizen's Environmental Coalition. More amazingly, he had participated in all of these community and state activities in addition to a very successful and busy architectural practice with Kirksey, where he leads the firm's EcoServices Division. Projects on which he has been lead architect have won 15 Local Design Awards, 5 State Awards, and 2 National Awards. Three of his projects have been featured in *Texas Architect*, and two have been reviewed in national publications: *Architectural Record* and *Contract Magazine*.

For all these accomplishments, plus the fact that Brian is always good natured and a pleasure to work with, he deserves (in this, his last year of eligibility) to receive a National AIA Young Architect Award. I believe you will enjoy reading through his full submittal and be proud that someone of Brian's caliber and accomplishments chooses to be such a strong part of the American Institute of Architects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ken L. Ross, Jr., FAIA, FACHA  
President, Senior Principal  
WHR Architects, Inc.

## Brian Malarkey

AIA, LEED AP

After graduating from Texas A&M University, Brian began his career at Kirksey, where he practiced as a designer before founding Kirksey EcoServices, a consulting group focused on sustainable design.

### Professional Qualifications and Affiliations

Registered Architect, 2000: State of Texas Number 16875; LEED® Accredited Professional, 2002; American Institute of Architects; Texas Society of Architects; International Interior Design Association; Rice Design Alliance; Citizen's Environmental Coalition; US Green Building Council

### Professional Leadership

- Co-Founder, Chairman – U.S. Green Building Council Greater Houston Area Chapter, 2001 - 2003; Board Member, 2005 – 2007
- President - American Institute of Architects, Houston – 2008; Board Member 2004 -Present
- Founding Chair – Gulf Coast Green Symposium and Expo, 2005 - 2006; Sponsor Chair – 2008, 2009
- Member - International Interior Design Association Sustainable Advisory Committee, 2007 – Present
- Member - The Mayor's Green Building Advisory Committee, 2008 - 2009
- Steering Committee Chair - The George R. Brown Convention Center Green Roof Steering Committee, 2008 – Present
- Chair - Houston Disaster Action (for hurricane Ike), 2008 - Present
- Juror - AIA Washington D.C. Design Awards, September 2009
- President - Citizen's Environmental Coalition, 2006 - 2007; Board Member 2005 - present

### Awards - Individual

- City of Houston Mayor's Proud Partner Award, 2008
- The Greater Houston Partnership Quality of Life Visionary Green Building Award, 2008
- AIA Houston Chapter's Young Architect of the Year Award, 2004
- One of Contract Magazine's Annual Young Designers, 2001

### Awards – Projects with Leadership Role

- Sysco Corporate Headquarters – LEED Gold Certified
  - US Green Building Council (USGBC) Houston Chapter Award: 2008
- Satterfield and Pontikes Headquarters – LEED Gold Certified (first LEED Core and Shell in Houston)
  - Texas Society of Architects (TSA) Design Award: 2007
  - American Institute of Architects (AIA) Houston Chapter Design Award: 2007
  - USGBC Houston Chapter Award: 2006
  - AIA National Building Information Modeling Award: 2006
- Horizon Wind Energy Offices – LEED Silver Certified (first LEED Commercial Interiors in Houston)
  - AIA Houston Chapter Design Award: 2007
  - USGBC Houston Chapter Award: 2006
  - American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Gulf Coast Chapter Award: 2006
  - International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Texas/Oklahoma Chapter Interior Design Excellence Award: 2006

- SpawGlass Corporate Offices – LEED Silver Certified (First LEED project in Houston)
  - TSA Design Award: 2005
  - AIA Houston Chapter, Award of Honor, Architecture, 2004
  - AIA Houston Chapter, Award of Honor, Sustainable Design, 2004
  - ASID Gulf Coast Chapter Award: 2004
  - IIDA Texas/Oklahoma Chapter Interior Design Excellence Award: 2003
- American Heart Association – LEED Certified
  - AIA Houston Chapter Design Award: 2004
- Society For The Performing Arts
  - AIA Houston Chapter Design Award: 2004
  - ASID Gulf Coast Chapter Award: Society For The Performing Arts, 2003
- Idea Integration Offices
  - AIA Houston Chapter Design Award: 2002
  - ASID Gulf Coast Chapter Award: 2001

## Presentations

- International Interior Design Association Texas/Oklahoma Chapter 9th Annual Student Conference, Houston, February 27th, 2009 – Keynote speaker, “A Green Groundswell”
- University of Texas Continuing Legal Education Construction Law Conference, Houston, January 30th, 2009 – “Green = Value”
- Houston Young Lawyers, Houston, November 13th, 2008 – “Green Building in Houston”
- Texas State University Facilities Conference, San Marcos, May 9th, 2008 – “LEED for Universities”
- University of Houston, Houston, January 2008 – “Satterfield and Pontikes Building Case Study”
- Rice University, Houston, November 2007 – “Designing for Sustainability”
- Green + Design Conference and Expo, Atlanta, October 1, 2007 – “Analyzing Green Materials”
- Texas A&M University, College Station, May 10th, 2007 – “Green Building Training for Facilities”
- International Facilities Management Association, Houston, May 2007 – “LEED EB”
- National Facilities Management and Technology Conference and Expo, Baltimore, March 10, 2007 - “Green Building – Not Just for New Construction”
- Council of Educational Facility Planners International, Houston, January 2007 – “Green Schools”
- Institute of Real Estate Management, Houston, January, 2007 – “Green Building in Houston”
- Building Owners and Managers Association, Houston, June 2006 – “Green Building – Not Just for New Construction”
- National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Houston, January 2006 – “LEED and Green Building”

## Feature Articles on Published Architectural Work

- *Texas Architect*, Sysco, November 2008
- *Texas Architect*, Satterfield and Pontikes, September 2007
- *Architectural Record*, Satterfield and Pontikes, April 2007
- *Texas Construction*, Satterfield and Pontikes, Cover Story, March 2007
- *Texas Architect*, SpawGlass, Cover Story, November 2003
- *Building Design + Construction*, SpawGlass Construction, November 2003
- *Texas Architect*, Idea Integration, May 2002
- *Contract Magazine*, Annual Young Designers Issue, January 2001

**Brian Malarkey has had a profound impact on architecture through his sustained commitment to the environment in the profession, practice, and community.**

## Profession

Brian's commitment to the profession is defined by his significant leadership positions in multiple professional organizations.

### American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Brian was President of the AIA Houston Chapter in 2008 and a Director from 2004-2009. His focus on sustainability during his presidency increased the chapter's connection to its members and to the community, illustrating that AIA Houston is the credible source for green building information and knowledge.

After Hurricane Ike, Brian formed the Houston Disaster Action Committee, which convened a volunteer force of architects to provide much needed damage assessments for residences and small businesses. The program was supported and commended by the Governor of Texas and the Mayors from all the affected cities and helped 567 homeowners in the area.

Brian is the founding chair of the Gulf Coast Green Symposium and Expo. He led efforts to create the regional conference, was chair of the event for two years and is currently the sponsor chair for this successful, award-winning annual event that has been recognized by National AIA and USGBC as a model for regional green building conferences.

Brian received AIA Houston's Young Architect of the Year in 2004 because of his leadership in the green building movement as well as his design skills and professional service activities.

### U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

Brian co-founded the Houston Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council, the seventh chapter in the country. Brian's early efforts helped define a USGBC chapter's role and its functions. The Houston chapter is currently one of the most successful, profitable, and program-intensive chapters in the country.

### International Interior Design Association (IIDA)

Brian served on the original Sustainability Task Force for the IIDA, a national-level group focused on disseminating green building information to IIDA members. While on the committee, Brian created a critical education piece, *Inside Green Interiors*, that was shared with all the IIDA chapters around the country.

## Practice

Brian's many green building firsts, design awards, published work, speaking engagements, and firm success clearly illustrate his leadership as a practitioner.

### Awards and Presentations

Brian has won four individual awards and 23 design awards for buildings on which he served a leadership role. Brian has been the featured presenter at more than 19 events over the last four years at conferences, universities, and professional organization programs.

### Published Work

Brian's projects have been featured seven times in national and regional publications such as *Architectural Record*, *Contract Magazine*, *Texas Architect*, and *Building Design + Construction Magazine*.

### LEED 1st's

Because of his pioneering efforts, Brian has multiple green building firsts, both in Houston and in Texas, including the first LEED building, commercial interiors, core and shell, and speculative office in Houston, and the first LEED for existing buildings in Texas, his firm's own office.

### Kirksey EcoServices<sup>SM</sup>

Brian created and leads Kirksey EcoServices, a unique, multi-disciplinary consulting group at Kirksey focused on green building research, LEED documentation, energy and daylight analysis, and sustainability training. The EcoServices group dominates the green building market with over 22 million square feet of LEED projects.

## Community

Brian's sustained commitment to green building extends to his community with his participation in many civic endeavors.

### George R. Brown Convention Center Solar Roof Project

Brian led the steering committee that resulted in a 100 Kilowatt installation of solar panels on the City of Houston's downtown convention center, a collaboration between AIA Houston, the City of Houston, and The Houston Endowment.

### Legislative Efforts

Brian spearheaded efforts to pass legislation establishing Houston's Green Building Resolution. He has also lobbied on behalf of green building legislation in the last two State of Texas sessions and the last three years on the Hill in Washington D.C.

### Working with the City of Houston and the Mayor's Office

Brian was asked by the Mayor to participate in the Mayor's Green Building Advisory Council, which created recommendations for the City to adopt on all building projects.

Through the AIA, Brian organized an advisory committee to help the City create a Green Building Resource Center and hire its first Director. The facility opened in the Spring of 2009, supports the profession and the public, and has been an incredible success.

*“Brian’s pioneering efforts on behalf of green building have had a national and regional impact.”* – Gail Vittori, Co-Director CMPBS;

National USGBC Board Member, 2002-present

## AIA

**President - AIA Houston, 2008** Brian’s focus on sustainability during his presidency increased the chapter’s reach to its members and to the community, illustrating that AIA Houston is the credible source for green building information and knowledge. Multiple programs illustrate this and are outlined in this submission. They include The George R. Brown Solar Roof Project, The City of Houston Sustainability Resource Center, the 99K Sustainable Affordable House Competition, the Green E-Toolbox Series, and the *GreenWorks Houston* Exhibit and Magazine.

**Director - AIA Houston, 2004 – 2009**

**Chair – Houston Disaster Action Committee, 2008 – 2009** After Hurricane Ike, Brian formed the Houston Disaster Action Committee which convened a volunteer force of architects to provide much needed damage assessments for residences and small businesses. The assessments were used by the property owners to provide a third-party, unbiased report that owners could use when dealing with contractors and insurance companies. The program was supported by the Governor of Texas and the Mayors from all the affected cities.



**Chair – AIA Houston Committee on the Environment (COTE), 2002 – 2004** Under Brian’s leadership, the COTE provided much needed education about green building at the very beginning of the movement. It was here where Brian led efforts to create the Gulf Coast Green Symposium and Expo.



## Founding Chair – Gulf Coast Green Symposium and Expo (GCG),

**Chair, 2005 & 2006 — Sponsor Chair, 2007- Present** Brian led efforts to create GCG, was Chair for two years, and is currently Sponsor Chair for this successful, award-winning annual event. Winning an AIA Component Excellence Award in 2006, GCG attracts 600+ attendees per year to an international-quality event recognized by the AIA and USGBC as a model for regional green building conferences.

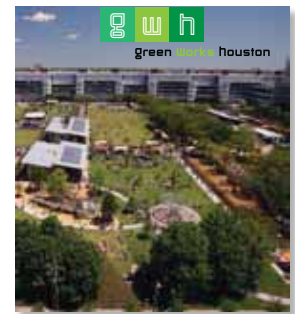


## AIA Houston Young Architect of the Year, 2004

Brian received AIA Houston’s Young Architect of the Year in 2004, because of his leadership in the green building movement as well as his design skills and professional service activities

## GreenWorks Houston Exhibit and Book,

**2008 – Present** Under Brian’s leadership, AIA Houston produced an exhibition and book about green projects in Houston. The *GreenWorks Houston* magazine, featured the efforts of AIA Houston, USGBC Houston, the City of Houston, The Houston Parks Board, Gulf Coast Green Symposium and Expo, the 99K House Competition, and a catalog of all Houston LEED certified buildings. The publication was widely distributed in Houston and at Green Build in Boston. The magazine will become a yearly publication, with the 2009 version being published in October.



**Our decisions have IMPACT**

The buildings we design are responsible for:

- 53%** waste output
- 48%** CO2 emissions
- 71%** energy consumption
- 12%** potable water use

**GREEN E-TOOLBOX**  
AIA Committee on the Environment

*Green is everywhere these days,* but how do I get started? It's simple. AIA Houston will fill your toolbox each month with useful, impactful, and do-able green tools and resources so you can **go green right now.**

**Construction Waste Management**  
Construction waste accounts for 53% of all landfill waste. The good news is that there is a growing market for this waste. Construction recycling is rapidly becoming common practice as contractors are finding that there is little to no extra cost, and that off-site sorting is available. If every architect in Houston specified a waste management program, **we could divert 600,000 tons of waste** from the landfill. That's the equivalent of 230,000 Ford Escape's!

**Sample Specifications**  
Select this link to get a sample specification written for the Greater Houston area

**Case Study with List of Local Vendors / Contractors**  
Select this link to see a case study using three methods:  
Directly to landfill  
Sort off site  
Single vendor sort on site

[www.aiahouston.org/cebe](http://www.aiahouston.org/cebe)

## Green E-Toolbox, 2008

During Brian’s Presidency, a monthly E-Newsletter was sent to the AIA membership highlighting useful and impactful green tools and resources so even a green novice could implement sustainability. Themes included efficient lighting, water use reduction, construction waste management, and low-VOC materials.

**USGBC**  
Greater Houston  
Area Chapter



**Co-Founder and Chair – USGBC Houston Chapter, 2001 – 2003**



**Director – Houston Chapter,**

**2005-2007** Brian Co-founded the first USGBC Chapter in Texas and the 7th in the nation. Currently there are 70 Chapters. Brian's early efforts helped define a chapter's role and functions. The Houston's chapter is currently one of the most successful and profitable in the country.

*“In founding the Houston chapter, Brian's efforts became a model for new local chapters around the country and helped define him as one of the green building pioneers in the Gulf Coast region. – Gail Vittori, Co-Director CMPBS; National USGBC Board*

*Member, 2002-present”*

**International Interior Design  
Association Sustainable  
Advisory Committee**



**Member, 2007-2009** Brian served on the inaugural task force, a national group focused on disseminating green building information to IIDA members. During his membership, Brian created a critical educational piece shared with all the IIDA chapters around the country.

**Rice Design Alliance  
Programming Committee**

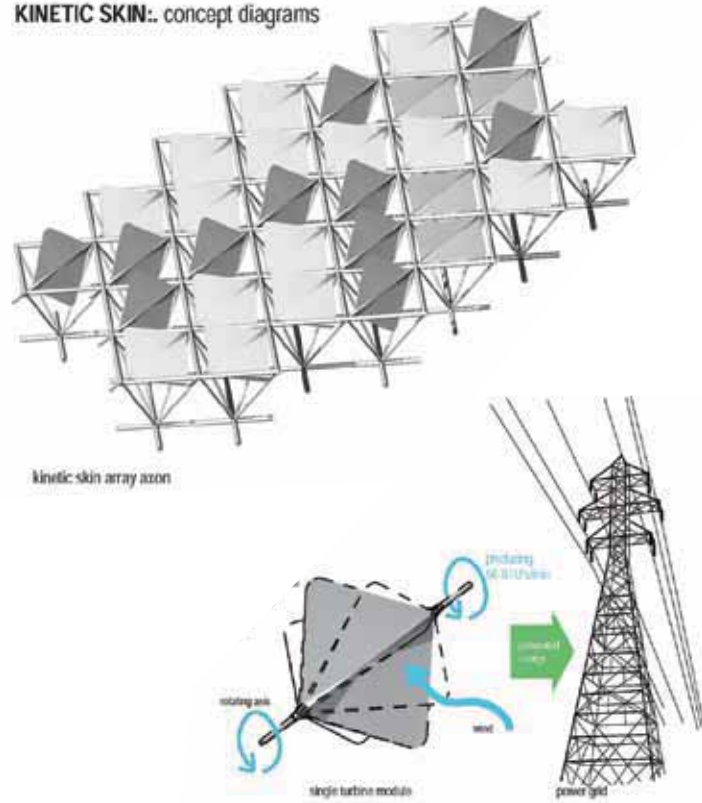
**Member, 2006-2007** During his membership Brian co-created the Spring 2007 Lecture Series, “Design Goes Mainstream,” a four-part lecture series with national-level speakers focused on the “mainstreaming” of design.

EcoServices

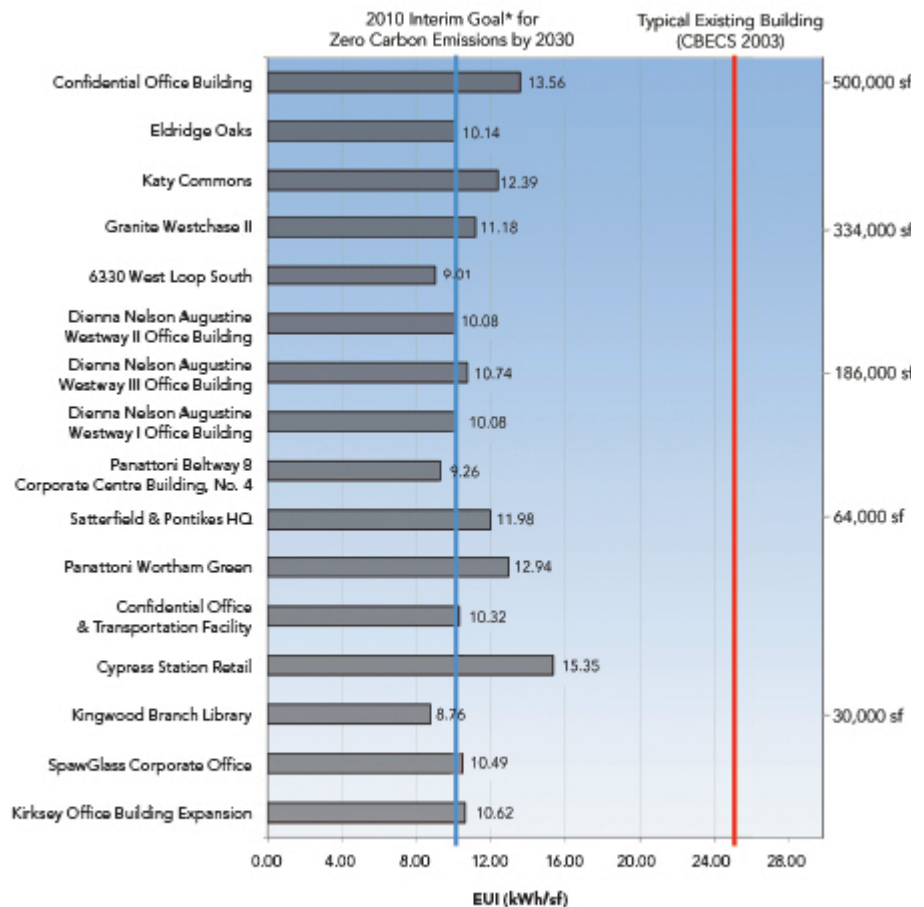
Brian created and leads the EcoServices team at Kirksey. Unique to most architecture firms, the EcoServices team is a multi-disciplinary group focused on LEED documentation, green benchmarking, sustainability training, energy and daylight analysis and sustainability research.

*“Brian’s reputation for achieving certified green buildings is unmatched in our region.”* – Mike Downs, Vice President, Sysco

KINETIC SKIN: concept diagrams



Energy Use Intensity of Kirksey Buildings



\* The 2030 Challenge is a schedule for the achievement of carbon neutrality for buildings by 2030. The interim goals are 60% reduction in energy use by 2010; 80% by 2020, 100% by 2030.

*“Brian brings a rare combination of both design and sustainability together in a way that has benefitted our company and all of our employees.”* – Mike Downs, Vice President, Sysco

## LEED Firsts

Brian has an impressive list of green building firsts in Houston and in the state of Texas. Having been intimately involved in both the design and green building consulting of these projects. His EcoServices team is working on **over 22,000,000 sf of LEED projects.**

**IN TEXAS** – 1st LEED for Existing Buildings – Kirksey Headquarters Building, Houston

1st LEED for Existing Buildings Gold – First City Tower, Houston

**IN HOUSTON** – 1st LEED for New Construction – SpawGlass Construction Headquarters, LEED Silver

1st LEED for Core and Shell – Satterfield and Pontikes Construction Headquarters, LEED Gold

1st LEED for Commercial Interiors – Horizon Wind Energy Headquarters, LEED Silver





## **LEED for Existing Buildings Pioneer**

In addition to completing the First LEED EB project in Texas (the Kirksey Headquarters) Brian also completed the first EB Gold project in Texas – First City Tower – a 1,400,000 sf office tower in downtown Houston.

Brian's EcoServices team is currently working on over 14 million sf of LEED EB projects across the nation and in Mexico, including Miami's performing arts center and one of Houston's oldest buildings.



## Project Sysco Corporate Headquarters

Brian was the lead interior architect and green building consultant for this 650,000 sf Fortune 100 corporate headquarters in Houston, Texas.



### LEED CERTIFIED - GOLD



**Awards** U.S. Green Building Council,  
Houston Chapter Award, 2008

**Publications** *Texas Architect*,  
November 2008

*"Brian brings a rare combination of both design and sustainability together in a way that has benefitted our company and all of our employees." – Mike Downs, Vice President, Sysco*



## Project Satterfield & Pontikes Corporate Headquarters

Brian was the lead interior architect, participated heavily in the shell design team, and was the green building consultant for this 65,000 sf corporate headquarters in Houston, Texas.



### 1<sup>ST</sup> LEED FOR CORE & SHELL IN HOUSTON - GOLD



**Awards** Texas Society of Architects Design Award, 2007

AIA Houston Chapter Design Award, 2007

U.S. Green Building Council Houston Chapter Award, 2006

AIA National Building Information Modeling Award, 2006

**Publications** Featured Article, *Texas Architect Magazine*,  
September 2007

Featured Article, *Architectural Record*, April 2007

Cover Story, *Texas Construction Magazine*, March 2007



## Project Horizon Wind Energy Headquarters

Brian was the lead interior architect and green building consultant for this 13,000 sf wind farm manufacturer in Houston, Texas.



### 1<sup>ST</sup> LEED FOR COMMERCIAL INTERIORS IN HOUSTON -SILVER



**Awards** AIA Houston Chapter Design Award, 2007

U.S. Green Building Council Houston Chapter Award, 2006

American Society of Interior Designers Gulf Coast Chapter Design Award, 2006

International Interior Design Association Texas/Oklahoma Chapter Design Excellence Award, 2006



## Project SpawGlass Construction Headquarters

Brian was the lead interior architect, participated heavily in the shell design team, and was the green building consultant for this 25,000 sf headquarters building for a general contractor in Houston, Texas.



### 1<sup>ST</sup> LEED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION IN HOUSTON - SILVER



**Awards** Texas Society of Architects Design Award, 2005

AIA Houston Chapter Design Award, 2005

American Society of Interior Designers Gulf Coast Chapter Award, 2004

International Interior Design Association Texas/Oklahoma Chapter Design Excellence Award, 2003

**Publications** Featured Cover & Article, *Texas Architect Magazine*, November 2003

Featured Article, *Building Design + Construction Magazine*, November/December 2003



## Project American Heart Association Offices

Brian was the lead design architect and green building consultant for this 25,000 sf headquarters building for a non-profit in Houston, Texas.



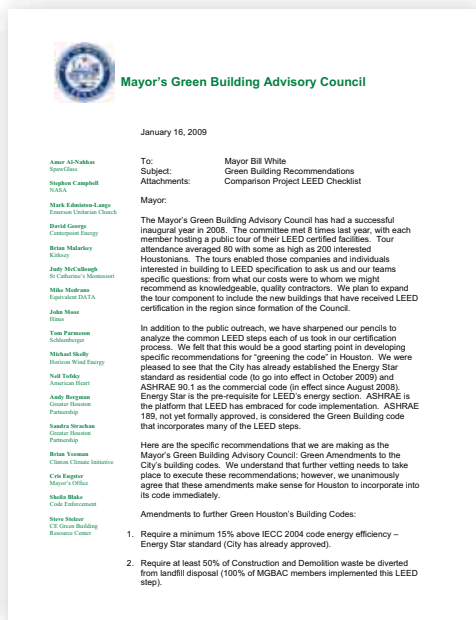
**Awards** AIA Houston Chapter Design Award, 2004



**LEED CERTIFIED**

*“Brian’s contribution has been invaluable to the advancement of green building initiatives in the City of Houston creating tangible results that have placed Houston at the center of the green building movement in our country.”* – Bill White, City of Houston Mayor

## Working With City & Mayor



## Mayor's Green Building Advisory Council

Brian was asked by the Mayor to participate in the Mayor's Green Building Advisory Council, which created recommendations for the City to adopt on all building projects.

## Green Building Resource Center Advisory Committee

Through the AIA, Brian organized an advisory committee to help the City create a Green Building Resource Center and hire their first Director. The facility opened in the spring of 2009 and has been an incredible success.





## Project George R. Brown Convention Center Solar Roof Project

Brian led the steering committee that explored options for a “green” roof for Houston’s downtown convention center. The effort resulted in a pilot project consisting of two 50 kw installations, one with conventional silicone panels, and the other with thin film panels. The two systems are installed and the data is being compared. The project includes an educational component that provides real-time data and a concrete example of Houston’s commitment to renewable energy.



## Legislative Efforts

### City of Houston Green Building Resolution

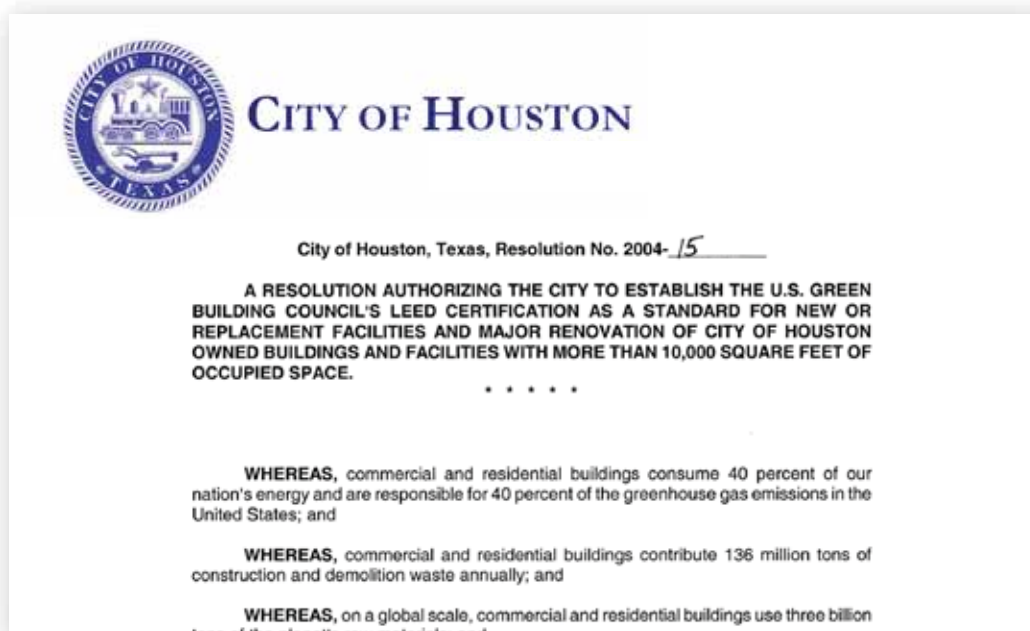
Brian spearheaded the effort to pass legislation establishing Houston's Green Building Resolution requiring all City of Houston buildings over 10,000 sf to be LEED Silver Certified. He personally met with every city council member to educate them about green building issues. The resolution passed unanimously in 2004.

### State of Texas

In both the 2007 and 2009 legislative sessions, Brian lobbied on behalf of green building legislation via a general presentation to the legislators and multiple presentations at key hearings.

### National

For the last three years, Brian has been actively involved with AIA National's Grassroots Congressional Visits, having the opportunity to meet with Federal Representatives to lobby in favor of green building legislation.





BILL WHITE  
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HOUSTON  
TEXAS

July 27, 2009

**RE: AIA Young Architect Award**

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to write a letter in support of Brian Malarkey, AIA, for the AIA Young Architect Award. **His contributions have been invaluable to the advancement of green building initiatives in the city of Houston.** Brian's efforts have created tangible results that have placed Houston at the center of the green building movement in our country.

**Legislation** – Brian provided effective leadership in the passage of legislation establishing Houston's Green Building Resolution, requiring all new City of Houston government buildings over 10,000 sq. ft. to be LEED Silver Certified. He personally met with every city council member to educate them about green building issues. The resolution passed unanimously in 2004.

**Green Building Firsts** – Since then, Brian has been one of the leaders in the green building movement in Houston. He has an impressive list of firsts. The first LEED certified building in Houston. The first LEED for Existing Buildings in Texas. The first LEED for Core and Shell and Commercial Interiors in Houston. And most recently, the first LEED for Existing Buildings Gold rated project in Texas.

**Advisory Role** – I asked Brian to participate in the Mayor's Green Building Advisory Council, which created recommendations for the City to adopt for all building projects. Through the AIA, Brian organized an advisory committee to help the city create a Green Building Resource Center and hire its first Director. The facility opened in the spring of 2009 and has been an incredible success.

**Leadership** – Brian was the founding chair for Houston's Gulf Coast Green Conference and Expo, which for the last two years teamed with the city of Houston to create a green consumer expo in conjunction with the event. The inaugural consumer expo attracted over 10,000 people. Brian is currently leading a steering committee in an effort to cover the roof of Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center with solar panels. Through the Houston Architecture Foundation, a pilot project was initiated to install a 100 kilowatt solar panel system before an expanded project is approved. The installation will be complete in the fall and will be a visible sign to the city and its guests that Houston is serious about green initiatives.

The City of Houston owes a debt of gratitude to Brian Malarkey for his efforts to advance green building in the city and the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill White".

Bill White  
Mayor

BW/as



## CENTER FOR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL BUILDING SYSTEMS

28 September 2009

AIA Young Architect Jury,

I am honored to recommend Brian Malarkey for the AIA Young Architect Award, recognizing **his pioneering green building efforts to transform Houston's built environment with national influence**. As the Co-Founder of the Houston Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and Founding Chair of the Gulf Coast Green Symposium and Expo, Brian is one of the leaders in the architectural community who has transitioned the green building movement from a market niche to the mainstream.

My first encounter with Brian was in 2002 as a U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Board Advisor to the first local chapter of the USGBC in Texas --Houston. At the time, there were only 6 local chapters, and the process for forming a local component was in its infancy. Brian, along with a colleague at his firm, impressively navigated the process, helping to define how a local component of the USGBC is organized and run. In founding the Houston chapter, Brian's efforts became a model for new local chapters around the country and helped define him as one of the green building pioneers in the Gulf Coast region. The event was a full house, and it was clear that Brian had inspired a group of design and building industry professionals to set in motion one of the pioneering green building initiatives in the U.S.

In 2005, Brian led the charge to create the Gulf Coast Green Symposium and Expo. Brian, along with a dedicated group of professionals, saw a need for a strong regional green building conference, the kind of event that had only been tried in one other location in the country. I was invited to be a speaker at the inaugural conference in 2005 and was extremely impressed by the quality of the conference and the caliber of the speakers. Brian's leadership as Chair of the event resulted in an international quality conference recognized by the AIA and USGBC as a model for regional green building conferences. Evidence of this success is that Gulf Coast Green has become a nationally recognized annual event.

I have known Brian for nearly a decade and have personally witnessed his passion for the green movement as well as his extraordinary leadership skills. It is without hesitation that I wholeheartedly recommend Brian for the AIA's Young Architect Award. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or for additional information.

With best regards,

Gail Vittori  
Co-Director

**D. Michael Downs**, Vice President, Real Estate & Construction,  
Sysco Corporation – *Fortune 100* Company

September 8, 2009



Re: AIA Young Architects Award

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Brian Malarkey. I have worked closely with Brian for the last five years, and know him to be both an accomplished designer and a passionate advocate for sustainable design. We recently completed construction of Sysco's corporate headquarters, for which Brian was the lead interior architect and sustainability consultant. His leadership in both of these arenas has resulted in a project that I am tremendously proud of. The Sysco headquarters project has been published, has received LEED Gold certification, and has demonstrably improved the work environment for all of our employees.

As an architect myself, I understand the dedication required to bring design ideas to fruition: great design is as much about process as it is about the final result. Brian stayed focused on our project from initial programming through post occupancy, continuously exploring options, presenting new ideas, and pushing for what was very best for the project and for our employees. He truly cared about our needs.

His design ethic is only matched by his passion for sustainability. From the beginning, sustainability was a very important goal for our project. This influenced our decision to select Kirksey and work with Brian, whose reputation for achieving certified green buildings is unmatched in our region. His deep experience with sustainability and the LEED process resulted in a LEED Gold certified project – and more importantly, a project that is healthier for our employees, more energy efficient, and more efficient for our bottom line.

Brian's contribution to our project has been significant. He brings a rare combination of both design and sustainability together in a way that has benefitted our company and all of our employees. I can think of no better person to receive the AIA Young Architects Award.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Michael Downs", is written over a horizontal line.

D. Michael Downs  
Vice President, Real Estate & Construction

**Kathleen English**, AIA, Principal, English + Associates Architects,  
USGBC Houston Board Member 2003-present, and AIA Houston President Elect



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October 5, 2009

AIA Young Architect Jury

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Brian Malarky for the AIA Young Architect Award. Thru his great ideas, initiative, and leadership, he has made a significant contribution towards improving the quality of life in the Gulf Coast Region and beyond by promoting Green Architecture. Many of the initiatives he started or participated in locally have continued in the Houston area and have inspired similar activities in AIA and USGBC Chapters across the US.

I first met Brian in 2002 shortly after he co-founded the local US Green Building Chapter. Having experienced Brian's leadership efforts in both the AIA and USGBC Houston Chapters, I am familiar with his commitment and talent for leadership. From 2002 thru today he has continually come up with creative transformative ideas regarding design, then gotten right to work making them happen, never waiting for others to take the lead or show him how to get things done.

In addition to taking the time to research how to set up a USGBC chapter, Brian in association with a co-worker continued to nurture the chapter for two years until it was well on its way to becoming one of the largest most program intensive chapters in the US. He sought out speakers, case studies, and educational events, and then was active in scheduling these events in order to improve and grow the chapter.

Once the USGBC Houston Chapter was sustaining itself, Brian focused his attention on the AIA Committee on the Environment where he envisioned and organized the first Gulf Coast Green Symposium, a concentrated two day event with over 20 green speaker presentations and a green building products expo. Again, Brian did not wait for others to dream big and lead, he stepped forward, and as the chair of the event secured and organized the many volunteers needed to plan and implement the event. As with the USGBC, Brian continued to work with the committee on the environment to refine and expand Gulf Coast Green into an annual event further influencing green design in the Gulf Coast Region and beyond.

I believe Brian's passion for doing good, and tremendous personal initiative to act on his many great ideas make him a shining example of a "young or old" architect, and a very deserving candidate for the AIA Young Architect Award. Please feel to contact me directly if you would like additional input.

Sincerely,

Principal - English + Associates Architects, Inc.

8 October 2009

**RE:** AIA Young Architect Award

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Brian Malarkey as a candidate for National AIA Young Architect of the Year.

Brian joined our company 18 years ago and has been a major contributor from day one. Bright, energetic, thoughtful, collaborative, and creative, Brian was immediately involved in our entire operation and infused a can-do spirit in his efforts that have been contagious within the group that works with him. His leadership within the architectural community is represented in other letters so I will concentrate on Brian's very special influence on the growth of our company.

Brian saw a market shift and pursued green building as a pioneer, before it became what it is today. This has garnered our firm a long list of green building firsts including the first LEED certified building, first LEED certified interiors, and first LEED certified speculative office building in Houston as well as the first LEED certified existing building in Texas, our corporate offices. Because of Brian's early efforts, Kirksey is known to have started the green building movement in our region. More importantly, however, he has shared his passion and knowledge for sustainable design beyond Kirksey. He regularly meets with governmental and community leaders, promoting green initiatives and serving on task forces knowing that only through these efforts can we truly transform the market.

Brian created and leads the EcoServices group at Kirksey, an innovative and unique extension of our firm that has allowed Kirksey to extend its practice beyond the region. His group is working on 22 million square feet of LEED projects in 5 states, 8 cities, and in Mexico.

Brian's leadership extends well beyond Kirksey. He is a leader in the Houston architecture community. He is a co-founder of the Houston Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council and is currently the immediate past-president of AIA Houston. These efforts and many others have strengthened Kirksey's relationship with the community. Brian is one of Kirksey's best ambassadors and continues to inspire others to follow his lead.

Brian's leadership has helped define our firm as a market leader in our region and in the country. It would be hard for me to imagine a young architect anywhere that has done more to positively influence their company and their community. Brian represents the very best of our profession. He is a practitioner that recognizes the impact we can and should have as architects.

Sincerely,



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