

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects Featured in Sustainable Design Series at AIA New Orleans Center for Design

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects (STBA) was one of two architectural firms whose projects were featured at this month's AIA Sustainable Design Series at the AIA New Orleans Center for Design.

The New Orleans AIA partnered with Global Green and the USGBC-LA (US Green Building Council) to spotlight two new buildings at Dillard University -- the Professional Schools Building, designed by STBA and the Student Union Building, designed by John T. Campo & Associates. Both buildings qualify for LEED Gold certification.

Ian Thompson, AIA, RIBA, NCARB and Principal at STBA discussed the sustainable design principles utilized in the Professional Schools Building as well as the building's attributes that qualifies it for LEED Gold certification. John T. Campo presented on the Student Union Building.

The new 130,000 SF Professional Schools Building at Dillard University will house a variety of academic disciplines including: Business School, math and computer labs, chemistry and physics labs, School of Nursing, a public health clinic and various major classrooms plus a 440-seat auditorium.

The building has three stories with the first floor focused on community access functions. The building will be the first "green" building on Dillard's campus and one of the first in New Orleans as well as the State of Louisiana.

The atrium and clerestory lights bring light into the center of the design which will achieve both LEED Gold certification for new buildings and for building operations and performance.

The exterior has been designed to relate to and enhance the Dillard campus with a contemporary interpretation of the Jeffersonian style of the existing buildings.

LEED Gold certification for the New Professional Schools Building is currently in process. Woodward Design+Build is the design-build contractor on this project.

Students will begin classes in the new building with the 2010-2011 semester starting in this August.

Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects, founded in 1979, is a full-service, regional architectural, interior design and landscape design firm. The 50-person firm offers a unique mix of diversified design professionals with experience in master planning, programming, conceptual design, construction drawings, specifications and construction administration. STBA specializes in project areas that include community and civic, corporate, education, government and public, healthcare, historic preservation, laboratories, master planning, residential, sports and leisure, commercial and hospitality and rebuilding Southeast Louisiana.