

Mr. Gary Gene Olp, AIA, NCARB

Environmental Architect

Gary Gene Olp directs a successful environmentally focused private architectural practice in Dallas, Texas. It is a general practice established in 1987 to effect a fundamental change in the application of the craft of Architecture based on an understanding of environmental stewardship. His efforts reflect an enterprising approach to energy efficiency, passive solar techniques, natural day lighting, enhanced fresh air systems with an emphasis on reducing construction waste and the use of natural, non-toxic building materials.

His firm has secured the USGBC, Silver LEED certification for the McCommas Bluff Eco-Training Center, the Gold level certification for the City of Dallas Northwest Service Center, is seeking Gold for the City of Dallas Hampton-Illinois Library, and is working with the City of Frisco on their Conference Center, City Hall, Police Courts & Holding, and Public Works Facility to certify these facilities as Silver.

Two of his residential buildings have also received significant achievement awards: Heather's Home was awarded the IBO's EVHA Gold Award, Custom Category for Hot Humid Climate, in addition to being the first USGBC LEED Platinum certified home in Texas, third in the nation, and was also granted the American Lung Association Health House award. Mr. Olp's own home was awarded IBO's EVHA Silver Award, Custom Category for Hot Humid Climate in 2005. All of his residential designs meet the Energy Star standard.

Mr. Olp's civic involvement in the City of Dallas reflects his commitment to a broader vision as a practicing professional. He has served as a board member on various cultural, educational and civic boards, committees and task forces. Mr. Olp is actively involved with the Boy Scouts of America and is one of the originators and Co-Chairs of the Committee on the Environment, Dallas Chapter AIA and the non-profit Sustainable Dallas organization, dedicated to promoting sustainable business practices.