



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **BNIM Founding Principal Named One of the 25 Environmental Champions for 2005**

#### *Interiors & Sources Magazine Honors Bob Berkebile as a Visionary of Sustainable Design*

KANSAS CITY, Mo., (October 10, 2005) — BNIM Architects today announced that Bob Berkebile, FAIA, founding principal of BNIM Architects, has been hailed one of the 25 Environmental Champions for 2005 by Interiors & Sources magazine. A jury of environmental leaders selected Mr. Berkebile in recognition of his legacy of design and leadership skills and commitment to consistently developing new approaches to holistic, integrated community building.

Interiors & Sources' second annual "25 Environmental Champions of the Year" awards honor those individuals and organizations that endeavor to transform the consciousness and practices around critical ecological issues. From waste and pollution prevention to recycling to green design and building practices, these heroes dedicate their careers and their passion to building a better world. Past winners include the Chicago mayor Richard M. Daley and Earth Day Network's Denis Hayes.

A leading national authority in sustainable design, Mr. Berkebile joins these venerated ranks due to the portfolio of success stories he has facilitated and the pervasive advances to green building achieved through his willingness to share personal and professional insights and expertise.

"I am delighted and humbled to be included in the company of such esteemed environmental advocates," said Bob. "For over thirty years our singular objective at BNIM has been to find a balance that concomitantly benefits our clients, the environment and future generations. We are pleased to be part of a maturing industry that steadfastly preserves, and ultimately strives to regenerate, our imperiled natural systems through smart green design and building."

As the founding chairman of the AIA's Committee on the Environment (COTE) and a contributor to the creation of the U.S. Green Building Council, Mr. Berkebile and his firm are setting new design standards for resource efficiency at the building and community scales including energy, materials and human resources. Mr. Berkebile believes integrated design informed by a collaborative dialogue of all the stakeholders will consistently restore social, economic and environmental vitality to communities. His commitment and expertise is represented on a broad range of projects including Greening of the White House, Greening of the Pentagon, Greening of the Grand Canyon, two facilities at The University of Texas

Health Science Center at Houston and a 3,000-acre urban redevelopment in North Charleston, S.C.

**About BNIM Architects**

With 35 years of experience as a multidisciplinary architectural firm, Berkebile Nelson Immenschuh McDowell Architects has built a reputation for thoughtful and responsive design, thorough technical competence, and fair and conscientious service. With offices in Kansas City, Mo. and Houston, Texas, BNIM Architects has completed many significant public and private building projects at both local and national levels. The firm's areas of expertise include sustainable design and community redevelopment, educational facilities, campus master planning, residential, corporate office spaces and urban design. BNIM is committed to restorative design, which aims to maximize human potential, productivity and health while minimizing the consumption of resources and the production of waste and pollution. For more information, call 816-783-1500 or see [www.bnim.com](http://www.bnim.com).