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blocs design group

blocs design group is a digital studio of thinkers, designers and landscape architects who work together that create impactful projects to change communities.

We’re a fully remote studio that brings together the talents, knowledge, and expertise of builders, dreamers, designers, and doers across multiple disciplines and across the country to deliver a full-service design studio centered on a shared passion and desire to influence the built world and the profession.

Why work with us?

We are dedicated to helping communities improve their public spaces. We have recognized a gap that exists between communities that want to make improvements to their neighborhoods through city, state and federal grant programs and the requirements of these grants. the grants applications and requirements are often too cumbersome for a typical homeowner - that’s where we come in. we provide landscape architecture and design services and grant support to community members and groups.

Blake Tomiloso-Rhinehart (CEO/Landscape Architect), blake@blocsdesigngroup.com -
Blake is a licensed landscape architect in seven states (CA, TX, AZ, UT, NV, OR & CO) with 11 years of experience in landscape architecture and construction. Previously, a partner of a multidisciplinary firm focused on large-scale housing and community masterplans, and an associate at a studio focusing on public realm improvements and international developments, Blake brings his experience to create successful projects for his clients while seeking to improve the design industry. Blake has practiced landscape architecture in San Diego, Orange County, and Oakland. His past clients include homeowners, national home builders, city governments, public agencies, commercial developers, assisted living builders international development companies, and community groups.
Greenprint Partners
Greenprint Partners is an award-winning planning, design, and engineering firm that delivers inspired green infrastructure (GI). Our team of civil engineers, urban planners, landscape designers, and communications professionals are on a mission to get the most good out of GI. We work closely with institutional property owners to help them design and install grant-funded, sustainable landscaping that improves water quality, reduces local flooding and positively impacts the community.

Why work with us?
Since the launch of the Green Infrastructure Grant Program, Greenprint has partnered with the owners of seven institutional properties in San Francisco to develop green infrastructure projects that have been awarded funding and are currently in various stages of design and construction. We are well equipped to efficiently support eligible property owners in developing a high quality application, managing the grant funds and leading all design and construction activities.

Laura Kenney (Senior Project Manager)
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Laura leads our outreach and project development process and has a demonstrated track record of effectively guiding property owners through concept design, application and project grant award for large scale green stormwater infrastructure retrofits. She specializes in working with leadership teams at faith communities, schools, affordable housing, parks, nonprofits and more in communities of color and low income communities. Prior to joining Greenprint Partners, Laura worked on the municipal side of the planning profession, and has experience in facilities management, project management, environmental education, and non-profit outreach.

Jim Sparber, PE (Vice-President of Engineering)
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Jim draws on 29 years of experience in the planning, design and construction of municipal infrastructure to lead Greenprint Partners’ engineering, design, and construction management work. Jim is charged with oversight of all engineering design work from concept to completed construction. His work includes relationship management with land owners, permitting agencies, sub-consultants and contractors. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of California.
INTERSTICE Architects

INTERSTICE Architects is a San Francisco-based, dual-discipline led firm specializing in architecture, urban design, and landscape architecture designing award-winning projects in the bay area for over 20 years. INTERSTICE was founded by managing principals, Andrew Dunbar and Zoee Astrachan, who work closely with clients to create meaningful spaces that engage and delight, while reflecting clients’ values, sustainability goals, and vision.

**Why work with us?**

Our architecture and landscapes are both experiential and respond to broader issues and opportunities: the use of repurposed waste stream materials, reversing the loss of bird and insect habitats, the stewardship of ancient trees, or creating minimalist solutions to complicated programs. Diversity is a hallmark of INTERSTICE’s projects, clients, and collaborations. The designs that result are highly varied, yet specific, with a common objective of creating a place in the world better than when we came to it.

**Zoee Astrachan (Principal, Registered Landscape Architect)**
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Lotus Water

Lotus Water (Lotus) is a full-service civil engineering firm in San Francisco focused on sustainable stormwater management and water-sensitive urban design. Our team of 20 technical specialists—including engineers, planners, and landscape architects—has been on the leading edge of green infrastructure (GI) and non-potable reuse guidance, integrating those principles into multi-beneficial projects that achieve triple bottom line performance for new and redevelopment sites across the West Coast.

Why work with us?

With over 90 years combined expertise leading GI planning, design, and implementation in San Francisco, Lotus staff have a close connection to the environment and communities where we work. We were the technical lead for the City’s first capital GI projects, developed the City’s GI standard details and specifications, conducted GI contractor training programs, created GI sizing tools, and are eager to help achieve your project’s sustainability, water reuse, and stormwater compliance goals!

Scott Durbin, PE, LEED AP (Principal), sdurbin@lotuswater.com –

Scott is the founder of Lotus Water. His expertise includes municipal stormwater policy development; watershed and capital infrastructure planning; GI design; hydrologic and hydraulic modeling; and water reuse. Scott led the development of stormwater design guidelines in San Francisco—developing the guidance documents for compliance on private parcels and establishing the City’s collection system strategy to meet NPDES requirements through a mix of green and gray capital projects, GI grant programs, and alternative compliance policies.

Shauna Dunton, PE (Principal), sdunton@lotuswater.com –

Shauna brings over 20 years of civil engineering experience, with over 15 years leading design and project management for high-profile GI projects in recreational, institutional, commercial, and residential settings in the Bay Area. Her specialties include green building site development, integrated stormwater solutions, GI streetscape design, onsite water reuse design, stormwater compliance, and environmental permitting support. Ms. Dunton is currently leading the civil design of an institutional campus project and a waterfront park in San Francisco and is assisting several Bay Area agencies with the implementation of large-scale GI projects.

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Sustainable Civil Engineering
Sustainable Civil Engineering (SCE) - www.sustainable-ce.com  We are a civil engineering firm with a focus on sustainability. Our creative designs minimize environmental impact while adhering to project budgets and timelines. We engage the built environment, as well as our communities through a “green” approach, project management, and civil engineering services that meet sustainability objectives. Our clients find that our work is economically viable, aesthetically pleasing and eco-friendly. Additionally, Sustainable Civil Engineering is a certified California Green Business.

Why work with us?
In order to successfully reach sustainability goals, at both community and city-wide levels, it is critical that private, public and non-profit organizations work together. For example, the grants that public agencies provide promote water stewardship, urban greening, and other environment friendly measures are making a difference not only by developing sustainable environments, but also by engaging communities who receive assistance from businesses like mine.

Jorge Romero-Lozano, PE. LEED AP, PMP; jrl@sustainable-ce.com; (415)-218-7592 is a licensed civil engineer in California and Nevada, as well as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP) from the U.S. Green Building Council, and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) from the Project Management Institute (PMI.) He has over 30 years of civil engineering experience; is fluent in English, Spanish and German.; and has worked on civil engineering projects around the world.
Terrain Studio

Terrain is a full-service Bay Area landscape architecture, planning and urbanism firm with offices in Oakland, Houston and Shanghai. The firm was founded in 2011 by Minhui Li, PLA, LEED AP and is a majority Asian / Woman-owned firm. In 2014 Scott Slaney, FASLA, PLA joined Minhui and Terrain Studio renewing a valued twenty (20) year working relationship started in 2001 when Scott was Managing Principal of SWA Houston and subsequently SWA Shanghai and Principal within SWA Sausalito.

Why work with us?

Terrain brings to SFPUC and the Green Infrastructure Program the knowledge, ideas, expertise, resources, experience and breadth of practice to be effective in the design through construction observation of projects large and small throughout the city’s diverse urban and natural environments. We are experienced in being prime consultants and in leading clients, communities and design teams towards innovative and cost-effective solutions while managing project schedules and budgets.

Scott Slaney, FASLA, PLA, (Principal); 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 801 Oakland, CA 64612; sslaney@terrainstudio.net (Preferred Contact); (415) 979 0788 - Throughout his 46 years of practice in Scott has explored opportunities to make a difference in the world through the art and science of landscape architecture, planning and urban design. Whether at the scale of a city or garden he explores solutions that intersect art and sustainability characterized by clarity of idea and crafted execution. His work has been recognized with 42 professional awards at local, state, national and international levels. He is a 1976 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and a licensed Landscape Architect in the States of Texas and New York.

Minhui Li, ASLA, PLA, LEED GA, (Principal); 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 801 Oakland, CA 64612; mli@terrainstudio.net (Preferred Contact); (415) 979 0788 - Minhui is passionate about creating unique and memorable urban spaces that emphasize aesthetic value and functionality. She is particularly dedicated to designing ecological and human-friendly spaces that respect a site’s natural functions and cultural contexts. She has been acknowledged with professional awards from the Urban Land Institute and the American Society of Landscape Architects at the local, state, national, and international levels. Minhui has lectured at the University of Maryland and has been published in Community Design magazine.