

Kara Strong

AIA, LEED AP BD+C
Senior Project Manager

Education

Master of Science in Architectural Studies
University of Florida, 2001

Bachelor of Architecture
Boston Architectural College, 1997

Professional Affiliations

American Institute of Architects (AIA)
Member

DC AIA Committee on the Environment,
Member and 2005 Chair

Montgomery County, Maryland Energy and
Air Quality Advisory Committee:
Past Member

Qualifications

Registered Architect, Massachusetts, 2002
and Maryland, 2004

LEED Accredited Professional, 2003,
with specialization in Building Design +
Construction, 2009

Years Experience

24 years

With SDC

10.5 years



Kara has worked on a wide range of project types, including a sustainable affordable house, secondary schools, and archival storage facilities for the Library of Congress. She prefers a collaborative approach to environmental design, and assists design teams in evaluating and improving the environmental performance of their projects. Kara is an approved Green Communities Charrette Facilitator, and leads trainings and workshops on a wide variety of green building topics.

Kara's commitment to sustainable design extends beyond her workplace. She is past Chair and current member of the Washington DC AIA Committee on the Environment. COTEdc promotes the awareness and practice of sustainable design and green building with the participation of design firms, organizations, and individuals who support this endeavor.

As a Senior Project Manager at SDC, Kara leads teams in the development of green educational facilities, institutional office buildings, and residential developments. Notable achievements include Eastern Village Cohousing, the first LEED-certified cohousing project and winner of numerous green building awards; the Camille Kendall Educational Center at the Universities at Shady Grove which earned LEED-NC Gold certification as well as the AIA Public Building of the Year award in 2007; and Stoddert Elementary for DC Public Schools, which achieved LEED-S Gold certification in 2011 and was among the first schools to receive the Green Ribbon Award in 2012.