



SIG - Sustainable Investment Group (Bios/Resumes)

James R. Brown, AIA, LEED GA – Director of Design & Construction

Brown is a 25+ year seasoned Architect and Construction Professional. He has leveraged his technical design and project management skills together with his persuasive communications ability to win new clients and contracts while also helping educate those in or seeking to join the green building industry. His LEED & sustainability classes are always captive with great real-life anecdotes from his project list. Brown has successfully managed projects in mixed-use, retail, education, government, commercial, religious, hospitality, healthcare, and residential. He has managed projects with values up to \$125M and staff up to 200.

Mr. Brown is known for delivering high-quality, high-functionality buildings within strict time and budget constraints. He is a Registered Architect and studied Architecture at Bakersfield College in California. Prior to his work with SIG, Brown was successful at Opus Architects & Engineers, Opus Corporation, Curry Bradaw Architects, Kaplan McGloughlin Diaz, and Renfro Elliott & Associates.

Charlie Cichetti, LEED AP+, Master Instructor & LEED Consultant

Cichetti oversees the sustainable consulting, construction management, and LEED certification services for simultaneous projects. He has experience working with multiple rating systems including: LEED-NC, LEED-CS, LEED-CI, LEED-EBO&M, Energy Star, and LEED for Schools. Mr. Cichetti holds a degree in Business Management from the College of Business at Georgia Tech and has successfully become a LEED Accredited Professional in the following areas:

- LEED v2.2 – New Construction & Major Renovation
- Green Associate
- Operations & Maintenance
- Building Design & Construction
- Interior Design & Construction
- Homes

Cichetti has more than 10 years of experience in commercial construction, real estate development and project management, and has directed multi-million-dollar office, warehouse, specialty, and condo construction projects. Prior to being an instructor and LEED Consultant, Cichetti worked for Opus Corporation, a \$2.2B leading commercial real estate and design-build construction firm. While at Opus, he coordinated the on-time construction of Suwanee Gateway, a 148-Acre mixed-use park and Suwanee Gateway One, a \$14M five-story LEED Silver spec office building. Before Opus, Cichetti worked for a large General Contractor in Atlanta, GA, working on multiple product types.



Jason Kiefer, LEED AP+, Project Manager & LEED Consultant

Kiefer is Project Administrator and Project Team Member on a variety of LEED candidate projects. Kiefer actively instructs LEED educational courses both in-person nationwide and interactively online to assist professionals in their understanding of the concepts, principals, and resources surrounding sustainable construction/green building. He is a committed member to many organizations that include AGC, USGBC, GBCI, and ASHRAE. He holds a degree in Building Construction from the College of Architecture at Georgia Tech and has successfully become a LEED Accredited Professional in the following areas:

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- Building Design & Construction
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Kiefer has over 9 years of combined construction and development experience. His project management expertise includes a spectrum of LEED certified and registered projects that include: LEED-NC, LEED-CS, LEED-EBO&M and LEED-Homes. Kiefer has successfully managed projects in the commercial building industry ranging from healthcare, office buildings, industrial facilities, mixed-use developments, tenant improvements and existing building retrofits. Prior to employment at Sustainable Investment Group, Kiefer worked for several premier General Contractors and Developers together with Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, JE Dunn Construction Company, Adolfson & Peterson Construction, and Opus Corporation.