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Principal and Partner, BENYA BURNETT CONSULTANCY

Winner of the 2008 Edison Award and over 200 national and international lighting design awards

15 completed LEED Platinum projects including three zero net energy buildings. Winner of four international environmental design awards. Over 50 LEED Platinum, Gold and Silver projects. Member of the LEED Sustainable Sites Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

"A leading advocate of sustainable design"
-The Portland Business Journal

"At the leading edge of lighting - a daylighting expert"
-Metropolis Magazine

"One of the top lighting designers in the US"
-American Express Departures Magazine

James Benya is a professional engineer and lighting designer with 40 years of experience in architectural lighting design including daylighting, theatrical and performance lighting, urban streetscapes, light as art and zero net energy building design. He is also the author of two books, *Lighting Design Basics* and *Retrofitting and Relighting*, and among the most widely respected international lecturers and speakers in the field of lighting design, daylighting design and efficient buildings. Together with lead author Deborah Burnett, James will be penning his third Wiley Publication entitled *Evidence Based Lighting Design* tentatively scheduled for release in late 2014.

Design Practice

Mr. Benya's career began with the Smith Group in Detroit where he won his first lighting design awards. He took over Luminae Lighting Consultants in San Francisco in 1983, establishing the West Coast's seminal lighting design practice and winning the Edison Award an unprecedented 5 times between 1984 and 1992. In 1995 he established Benya Lighting Design in Portland, Oregon, winning the 2011, 2008 and 2002 Edison Awards of Environmental Design and the 2008 Edison Award. He recently was awarded a special AIA recognition for his *pro bono* work on the San Antonio Haven for Hope project.

In 2010, James joined Deborah Burnett in Benya Burnett Consultancy to address the emerging health and light field. In 2013 Benya Lighting Design merged into Design Services, Inc., a women owned business enterprise established in 1985.

In addition to lighting design awards in several international programs, James has received a number of significant honors in his career: Fellow of the Illuminating Engineering Society IES (1991) and the Fellow of the International Association of Lighting Designers IALD (2005) and 2013 inaugural inductee IES Michigan Hall of Fame

Consulting Practice

Mr. Benya provides expert and educational consulting services including expert witness and testimony, product design and development, class development and teaching, technical writing and codes and standards development. He is a past member of ASHRAE 90.1 and 189.1 committees and serves as principal consultant to the California Energy Commission. He has been a contributing editor to Architectural Lighting Magazine since 1987.

Community

James is a Fellow of IES and has served as chair of the Energy Committee, the Education Committee, and the Certification committee in over 38 years of active participation. He is a Board member of the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) and was chair of the US Model Lighting Ordinance established in 2011. He is a Fellow of IALD and has served on its Board and as Director of Education and External Affairs. He is a Board member of the International Association of Lighting Designers. As a public speaker, he is in demand throughout the world, including a record of 51 presentations at LightFair International and as co-leader of the Velux International Daylighting Symposium in Europe.