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## **R. Scott LaBenz AIA LEED AP**

Principal

### **Experience**

Scott LaBenz is a principal of Grouparchitect and has a fundamental involvement in the planning and design direction of projects from initial conceptual development through documentation and construction administration. Scott carries a portfolio of internationally recognized residential work, with multiple publications of award-winning projects. Scott's project experience ranges from remote vacation homes to in city mixed use developments. As a member of the American Institute of Architects since 2003, he currently serves as chair of AIA Seattle's Custom Residential Architects Network Committee. As a NCARB certified architect, he holds licenses in Washington and Idaho.

Scott received both a Masters of Architecture and Bachelor of Arts at the University Washington, participated in the Foreign Study Program in Rome, Italy and was inducted into Tau Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Architecture and Allied Arts. During Scott's tenure at Balance Associates he was elevated to Associate. His niche market and specialty at Balance Associates Architects has been sustainably focused vacation homes and cabins with very site specific design solutions. Most recently, Scott was the design leader for the Method Cabin, a prefab modular prototype vacation home targeting LEED® for Homes Gold.

Grouparchitect, Seattle, WA, 2003 – present  
Balance Associates, Architects, Seattle, WA, 1998 - 2008  
Arca Architecture and Urban Design, Everett, WA, 1996-1998  
John Rushmore Design Group, Bellevue, WA, 1993-1995

### **Education**

M. Arch., University of Washington, Seattle  
B.A. Architectural Studies, University of Washington, Seattle  
B.A. Visual Arts, University of Washington, Seattle

### **Professional Accreditation**

LEED® Accredited Professional  
NCARB Certificate No. 57791

### **Professional Registrations**

Washington No. 8483, Alaska No. 12839, Oregon No. 6008  
Idaho No. 984932

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Institute of Architects, Seattle Chapter  
CORA NW, Chapter of the Congress of Residential Architects  
Member Firm USGBC, National Association of Home Builders, Master Builders, Built Green

### **Volunteer**

Guest Critic, University of Washington School of Architecture and Urban Planning  
AIA Seattle Committee Chair, ALA Master Home Environmentalist

### **Awards and Publications**

Northwest Home Magazine Top 50 Northwest Architects, 2008<sup>1</sup>  
Mountain Living Magazine 2008 Top Mountain Architects, 2008<sup>1</sup>  
Multiple Publications of Award-Winning Projects

### **Selected Projects List**

Sound View Apartments, Multi-Family Housing, SeaTac, Washington  
Method Cabin, Prototype Modular PreFab Cabin, Glacier, Washington<sup>1</sup>  
Marin Grove, Single Family Residential Subdivision, Des Moines, Washington<sup>1</sup>  
Malden Mills Retail Store, Tenant Improvement, Seattle, Washington<sup>1</sup>  
30+ private residences located throughout the Pacific Northwest

<sup>1</sup>Work performed while practicing with Balance Associates in Seattle, WA