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Company/Organization: Monarch Design/Consulting

Title: President

Chapter Position: Advisory Council Chairperson

Years as a chapter member: Six Years

Michele Van Hyfte, President and primary personnel for all projects, has fourteen years experience as an architectural professional in Austin. Her experience as a Registered Architect and Project Manager for commercial, institutional, and residential projects provides her with a practical approach to sustainable design consultation. She is familiar with the typical issues of a project, the time and cost concerns of clients, and how sustainable materials and systems may impact all aspects of a project. She promotes and facilitates a collaborative, integrated design process that identifies opportunities and liabilities and provides solutions through efficient communication with all project team members and continuous coordination of all building systems. This approach ensures a successful, well-designed project.

Monarch Design/Consulting was founded by Michele L. Van Hyfte, AIA LEED AP, to provide sustainable design consulting services to architectural and construction professionals for the achievement of healthy, high-performance buildings. Monarch promotes sustainable design and construction practices while educating project teams about the benefits of those practices. Sustainable design is high-performance design that maximizes energy and resource efficiency, maximizes the quality of the indoor environment of the occupants, and minimizes the impact to the immediate and surrounding natural resources and ecologies. When weighed against the alternatives, it is the clear choice for building owners, occupants and their communities.