

Texas Construction

Top Design Firms

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Rank 2010	Rank 2009	Firm Phone Location Website	Licensed Arch./Engr. LEED AP	Largest Project to Break Ground Location Total Construction Cost (\$ Mil.)	Top Market Sectors	Regional Revenue (\$ Mil.)
64	73	NELSON 972-644-8830 Dallas www.nelsononline.com	N/A N/A N/A	Not provided	General Building: 100%	6.63
65	**	Rees Associates Inc. 214-522-7337 Dallas www.rees.com	25 0 52	Meadow Lake Continuing Care Community Tyler 32.00	General Building: 100%	6.54
66	50	ccrd partners * 713-237-8900 Houston www.ccrd.com	0 20 9	University Hospital Capital Improvement Program San Antonio 475.00	General Building: 95% Master-Planned Development/ Site Infrastructure: 2% Telecommunications: 2%	6.50
66	74	Studio RED Architects 713-522-5333 Houston www.studioredarchitects.com	11 0 18	City of Houston Permitting Office Building Houston 23.00	General Building: 100%	6.50
68	52	L.A. Fuess Partners Inc. 214-871-7010 Dallas www.lafp.com	0 14 18	Baylor Cancer Center Dallas 120.00	General Building: 82% Transportation: 15% Telecommunications: 3%	6.10
69	68	GSR Andrade Architects Inc. 214-824-7040 Dallas www.gsr-andrade.com	7 0 7	Not provided	General Building: 100%	6.00
70	**	Johnson & Pace Inc. 903-753-0563 Longview www.johnsonpace.com	N/A N/A N/A	Not provided	General Building: 60% Water Supply: 20% Transportation: 10%	5.90
71	58	Merriman Associates/Architects Inc. 214-987-1299 Dallas www.merriman-maa.com	8 0 36	Anastole Hotel Renovation Dallas 36.60	General Building: 96.43% Manufacturing: 3.57%	5.80
72	46	STG Design 512-899-3500 Austin www.stgdesign.com	19 0 43	St. John Neumann Catholic Church Austin 7.90	General Building: 59% Master-Planned Development/ Site Infrastructure: 1% Other: 40%	5.50
73	**	Commonwealth Engineering and Construction LLC 713-979-2333 Houston www.leanceec.com	N/A N/A N/A	Valero Flare Gas Recovery Port Arthur 40.00	Petroleum: 57.74% Power: 25.35% Industrial Process: 16.91%	5.01
74	**	Redding Linden Burr 713-237-9800 Houston www.rlengineers.com	0 7 13	Not provided	General Building: 100%	4.59
75	70	Datum Engineers 214-358-0174 Dallas www.datumengineers.com	0 20 0	Irving Convention Center Las Colinas 133.00	General Building: 100%	4.50
76	**	Llewelyn-Davies Sahní Inc. 713-850-1500 Houston www.lheldnet.com	0 0 1	Houston Community College/ Central Campus Houston 43.00	General Building: 85.8% Master-Planned Development/ Site Infrastructure: 9.26% Transportation: 2.47%	4.05
77	60	WYLIE Consulting Engineers 713-781-2526 Houston www.wylieassociates.com	0 8 9	Not provided	General Building: 95% Other: 4%	4.00
78	64	Powers Brown Architecture 713-224-0456 Houston www.powersbrown.com	2 0 2	Bryan Intermodal Bryan 16.00	General Building: 100%	3.60
79	75	Derand-Hollis Rupe Inc. 210-308-0080 San Antonio www.dhrarchitects.com	5 0 1	Southwest Research Institute Building 264 San Antonio 10.00	General Building: 100%	3.59

Llewelyn-Davies Sahni

Texas 2010 rank: No. 76

Market, rank: Distribution & Warehouses, No. 7

Houston design firm Llewelyn-Davies Sahni is celebrating its 30th year as a Texas firm. The firm dates back to urban planning in 1958 London, but the initial focus is changing as it takes on new architectural and development advisory roles.

"Change is happening whether we like it or not," says Randeer Sahni, who joined LDS in 1977 and became a partner in 1980. LDS's urban-design services include planning university campuses, transit facilities and corporate relocations. It has provided program and design services to Houston Community College and to Houston's Texas Southern University.

LDS has several renovation projects for the Houston Independent School District, Houston Community College and other entities. Its projects include public infrastructure work.

"Most of our projects start small and grow over time as clients gain confidence in us," Sahni says. "The key is to define your role, aim for the highest quality, meet client needs and budgets, and achieve goals." He says although the firm is rela-



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tively small, with \$40.5 million in 2009 revenue, he believes the company can hold its own, having completed 1-million-sq-ft projects valued at \$100 million or more. "With the advent of technology, we can compete with a firm of any size on any project," he adds. He says acts of nature, Congress and greed will affect the future of design, anticipating shale gas production will open new opportunities for the firm. LDS has helped oil companies and transportation officials acquire property.

PBS&J

Texas 2010 rank: No. 7

Although the volume of engineering work has declined during the recession, PBS&J of Austin still finds clients, particularly construction management. The firm finished 2009 with \$99.9 million in revenue in Texas.

"We focus on client service on each project," says Craig Hogan, senior vice president of PBS&J, which began in Florida 50 years ago and opened its first Texas office in 1999. "We are strategic about investments and growth. Now is not the time to be aggressive in moving into new geographic markets, especially where potential clients may have budget shortfalls."

Hogan adds that the Texas transportation market has remained strong, and the firm is seeing more energy and water and wastewater opportunities.

"Many public agencies are experiencing funding issues," he says. "The infrastructure needs are not going away. As a result, many public agencies are turning to public-private-partnerships to advance needed projects."



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While many of the current P3 projects are for toll roads or are transit related, Hogan says momentum is growing to use the funding model for water/wastewater systems and other infrastructure. PBS&J is pursuing P3 projects and recently executed a major contract to serve as technical adviser, with joint venture partner Grusamar of Spain, during construction on the \$2.7-billion LBJ - 635 Managed HOV Lanes P3 project in Dallas for LBJ Infrastructure Group of Austin. It is also providing design review, consulting engineering and construction inspection services for the Texas Dept. of Transportation on the \$368-million Spur 601 project in El Paso.