

MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION (110 WORDS):

di Domenico + Partners LLP is an award-winning design studio with practice areas in commercial, education, park/open spaces, and transportation for public and private clients locally and across the country. The interdisciplinary partnership was established in 1981 to provide services in architecture, preservation, landscape architecture and urban design. The firm's principals, John di Domenico and Andrew Berger, are personally involved in directing the studio's projects and provide the innovative leadership necessary to meet and exceed our client's unique needs. Clients include some of the largest transit systems in the world; small and large colleges and universities; private and public K-12 school systems; and prestigious commercial real-estate companies, to name a few.

FOUNDED:

1981

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:

30

OVERVIEW:

di Domenico + Partners, LLP, is a New York-based firm with strong credentials for architecture, landscape architecture and urban design. Partners John di Domenico and Andrew Berger have set high-performance standards for their practice, carefully balancing sustainable design excellence with technological expertise. The firm's work is regularly recognized in the press and garners many of the profession's most sought after design and achievement awards. The two partners actively

participate in all aspects of project design and management and are the primary interface with the firm's diversified clients.

With a track record of 27 years in the design and construction of new and renovated facilities, the firm's portfolio is focused on transit, municipal, exhibition, and convention projects as well as commissions for schools and retail clients. Supported by a core group of talented associates and staff, di Domenico + Partners offers particular expertise in complex, technically-challenging assignments. In recent years, this competitive edge has resulted in the firm being retained for some of the most sought-after transportation projects in the Northeast.

Landscape architecture projects include streetscape and security design, roof gardens, recreational open space, park buildings, outdoor furniture, and master planning. di Domenico + Partners works with public agencies and civic groups to develop long-range planning goals and objectives. In New York City, for example, the firm worked with communities and city officials to build a consensus about planning and design decisions related to parks and open spaces.

Emphasizing the need for strong working relationships between public and private sectors, di Domenico + Partners' approaches urban design and planning as an opportunity for a dialogue on urban form and human need--a melding of principle and practicality. Urban design experience includes community master plans and urban design guidelines.

Di Domenico + Partners' projects are memorable for their bold scale and streamlined aesthetic, but also for their respect for context and responsiveness to surrounding environments.

SELECT CLIENTS OF THE FIRM (PARTIAL LIST):

- Battery Park City Authority
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- City of Elizabeth
- Dulles Corridor MetroRail
- Empire State Development Corporation
- Jacob K. Javits Convention Center

- Long Island Rail Road
- Metro-North Railroad
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- NJ Transit
- New York City Economic Development Corp.
- New York City School Construction Authority
- New York City Transit
- New York State Office of General Services
- Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
- The Related Management Corp.
- Rockrose Development Corp.
- Shearson Lehman
- UBS/Swiss Bank
- Travel Planners, Inc.
- Washington Convention Center Authority

RECENT PROJECTS (PARTIAL LIST):

- Cornell University Fernow Hall and Rice Hall Rehabilitation, Ithaca, NY
- Columbia University Butler Library, New York, NY
- New York City School Construction Authority's New Visions for Public Schools, New York, NY
- Atlantic Avenue Terminal Complex Rehabilitation, Brooklyn, NY
- New York City Transit 161st Street/Yankee Stadium Station, Bronx, NY
- Stillwell Avenue Portal Building (Coney Island), Brooklyn, NY
- Dulles Corridor Light Rail, Washington, DC
- Trenton Rail Station Rehabilitation, Trenton, NJ

RECENT AWARDS (PARTIAL LIST):

- Lucy G. Moses Preservation Project Award 2005, New York Landmarks Conservancy – Times Plaza Kiosk Restoration at Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY
- Platinum Award for Transportation 2004, ACEC New York Engineering Excellence Awards – Atlantic Avenue Terminal Complex Rehabilitation, Brooklyn, NY

- Circle of Design Excellence Award 2004, Pittsburgh Corning Glassblock – New York City Transit 161st Street/Yankee Stadium Station, Bronx, NY
- Award of Merit: Transit Project 2003, New York Construction News – Atlantic Avenue Terminal Complex Rehabilitation, Brooklyn, NY
- Award of Merit: Transit Project 2002, New York Construction News New York City Transit 161st Street/Yankee Stadium Station, Bronx, NY
- Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award 2000, New York Landmarks Conservancy; Award of Excellence in Historic Preservation 2001, Preservation League of New York State; Award of Merit 2001, AIA New York State; Award of Merit: Restoration Project 2000, New York Construction News – The Metro-North Railroad Harlem — 125th Street Station Restoration, New York, NY

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

- “MTA Gets Green and Clean,” Environmental Design + Construction Magazine. November 2006.
- “Best of 2006: Gun Hill Road Subway Station,” New York Construction. December 2006.

BIOGRAPHIES:

John di Domenico, AIA, Partner

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As founding principal of the firm, Mr. di Domenico actively directs a variety of projects in the public and private realm. His management approach is to create a studio-office environment in which principal-led groups are involved in projects from the development of ideas to build out. Each associate may participate in a range of projects, from transportation facilities to retail environments. This approach has led to the firm's success and award-winning design. In addition, it creates a consensus-building environment where client, principal, and manager work together. In this way, design, program and budget follow client expectations. Mr. di Domenico is a graduate of Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. He was a Fulbright Scholar from 1979 to 1980. Mr. di Domenico currently serves as a professor of architecture at the New York Institute of Technology in New York City.

Andrew Berger, AIA, ASLA, Partner

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Mr. Berger directs and oversees the firm's architecture and landscape architecture work. He also leads di Domenico + Partners' efforts in the planning and design of public assembly spaces. His work in the restoration of transit and education facilities has led to the firm's award winning design for numerous projects including the restoration of the historic 125th Street Harlem Station. He is currently the principal-in-charge of the new capitol city Trenton Rail Complex and Intermodal Plaza in New Jersey. Recent projects from his portfolio include the "green" Grand Avenue Maintenance Facility and Bus Depot for the MTA and the reconstruction of Stillwell Avenue station in Coney Island. With the firm since 1984, Mr. Berger is a graduate New York Institute of Technology.

Paul Alber, AIA, Senior Associate

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Since joining the firm in 1989, Mr. Alber has played a key role in managing the design and construction of many public sector projects, including education, transit, historic restoration, and waterfront projects. He presently serves as the project manager for a plethora of projects for the NYC School Construction Authority, most notably the design of several innovative, multimedia high school library projects throughout the city. He is a graduate of New York Institute of Technology.

Ricky Liu, AIA, LEED AP

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Mr. Liu brings over 8 years of expertise in the design, coordination and management of transportation, civic, academic, and residential facilities. He is well-versed in the complex issues inherent with the design, restoration, and adaptive reuse of structures. His role as both a designer and project manager contribute to his effectiveness in all phases of the design process — from conceptual design to construction management — while being attuned to preserving design integrity. Several of his projects have received accolades from the architectural community. Mr. Liu is currently working on the Atlantic Avenue Terminal Complex for the LIRR and NYC Transit and the rehabilitation of Cornell University's Fernow and Rice Halls.

Kenji Suzuki, AIA, Senior Associate

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Mr. Suzuki has over a decade of experience in architectural design. His skills in design and modeling were instrumental in developing alternative design schemes for the LIRR Entry Building for the Atlantic Avenue Rehabilitation project. His current portfolio of work includes leading the design effort for New York City Transit's White Plains Road Line Station Rehabilitation, which includes work at ten stations, as well as architectural services for New Jersey Transit's South Amboy Station. He graduated with a master's degree in architecture from Columbia University.

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Mr. Zgolinski brings more than 30 years of experience in the management and construction of large scale facilities. Current projects include flood mitigation designs for subway stations throughout New York City as well as a security design study for Grand Central Terminal. His past projects, including several psychiatric facilities and hospitals, deepen the firm's experience in the areas of medical facilities, historic preservation and campus design. He is noted for his knowledge of issues related to state and city codes, specifications and ADA design compliance. Mr. Zgolinski is Graduate of the City College of New York.