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Objective - To participate in mutually beneficial collaborations using my professional and academic experience and skill sets to achieve a variety of professionally challenging goals using the tenets of sustainability and regenerative environmental stewardship.

Career Synopsis – Currently enjoying a working retirement after a continuous thirty-six year career working internationally as an architect and educator in the related fields of sustainable design and development, high performance green buildings, LEED consulting and environmental education. My work includes a wide variety of client services and architectural design and consulting projects in twelve countries on five continents in combination with a twenty-seven-year parallel career as a college professor with ongoing relationships with K12 education and the international green school movement. The following is a distillation of projects and initiatives that are more fully described in my professional and academic CVs available for downloading at www.bobkobet.com.

Portfolio

- Sustainability consultant to the Cultural Section of the US State Department, the Pentagon, the Naval Facilities Engineering Group (NAVFAC), the European Linkages Project, the Beijing Olympic Village, Haiti's Hopital Albert Schweitzer the Episcopal Diocese of the US in Rwanda and development projects in the United Arab Emeritus and China.
- Co-Founder of the country's first Master of Science in Sustainable Systems program at Slippery Rock University. Architect of record for the Macoskey Center, the nucleus of the program, and author of the associated awardwinning Built Environment track which I taught for four years.
- Selected as one of the first eleven Leadership in Environmental Design (LEED) faculty members by the US Green Building Council for whom I developed and facilitated scores of workshops, seminars and professional development continuing education units (CEUs) in the US and abroad. Served as Chair of the USGBC Green Schools Committee over the course of its six-year existence and participated in the start-up of the USGBC's international Green Schools Initiative including contributing to the LEED for Schools Reference Manual and teaching initial workshops.
- Participated in certifying over one hundred LEED or LEED related projects as team leader or team consultant. These range from the Pittsburgh Convention Center, one of the largest LEED certified venues, NAVFAC projects in the US and Guam, the Minimum Energy Building in the Beijing Olympic Village and scores of K12 projects as consultant to the Ohio Schools Facility Commission and other local K12 Districts around the US.

Portfolio - Continued

- Authored the first CEUs in Allergy free Nontoxic Design for the American Society of Interior Designers based on my expertise in human ecology as a design determinant. This expertise is used to design and construct benign environments for clients who are exquisitely sensitive to incitants of chronic illness in the built environment. I have written and lectured extensively to advance the understanding of the impact of the built environment on our health and general well-being, with emphasis on school children.
- Served as a mentor, volunteer and community advocate for a number of private businesses and not for profit startups. These include appointment by Governor Casey to Chair the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Governor's Energy Conservation Committee, serving as Conservation Consultants Incorporated's first Director of Green Building Services, advisor to the Green Building Alliance and the Pittsburgh Waldorf School, consultant to 84 Lumber's Green Edge Supply startup, and the US Green Building Council's representative to the American Society of Heating and Refrigeration Engineers (ASHRAE) Fifty Percent Energy Reduction in Schools publication.

Professional and Academic Skills and Credentials -

- Complete responsibility for the successful marketing, operation, and day to day production of design and consulting deliverables working internationally over a thirty-six-year career.
- Past member of the American Institute of Architects, including serving on the Pittsburgh Chapter and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Board of Directors, the National AIA Committee on the Environment, the US Green Building Council, and the International Green School Network
- One of the pioneer specialists in architecture as pedagogy and buildings that teach. This work is manifest in my career with Slippery Rock University, Penn State University Fayette Campus Engineering Program and the Carnegie Mellon University School of Architecture. Other contributions include greening the architecture curriculum of the Technologico de Monterrey TEC), the largest University system in Mexico, and ongoing relationship with the Florida Atlantic University Green School Challenge Program.
- Developed, organized and facilitated weeklong international student exchanges between the Technologico de Monterrey, and the University of Miami, Florida and Carnegie Mellon University's Schools of Architecture. Currently serving as a lecturer and guest juror for the Kent State University School of Architecture and Environmental Design.
- Qualified K12 Guest Instructor which requires obtaining PA Certificate of Completion for Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse, PA Certificate of Completion for Guest Teacher Training, ACT 34 PA State Police Criminal Background Check Clearance, ACT 114 Federal Bureau of Investigation Federal Criminal History Record Clearance, ACT 151 PA Child Abuse History Clearance and all required PA ACT 168 Sexual Misconduct Disclosure Releases.