

Boston architect joins Tucson firm

Roel Krabbendam, AIA, LEED AP, has transferred from Boston to join Tucson-based ABA Architects as a senior architect. He brings over 25 years of experience from other firms such as Michael Rosenfeld, Inc., and Childs Bertman Tseckares (CBT) Architects where he served as a senior project manager. At CBT, he managed a number of competition-winning projects at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Krabbendam led teams that oversaw renovations, additions, and new construction with an emphasis on efficient planning (minimizing capital costs) and daylighting (correlating with student performance) for public school designs in the northeast U.S.

Prior to CBT, Krabbendam and his wife had their own architectural firm where they did corporate and institutional interiors as well as residential work. He started his professional training with Moshe Safdie and Associates in Boston along with firms in Peru and Switzerland. Aside from English, Krabbendam is fluent in Dutch, French, and Spanish.

Krabbendam says, “I focus on finding a balance between two objectives in my projects: highly efficient planning to minimize capital costs, and sustainable design to minimize operating cost and maximize user comfort and performance. In public schools, in particular, where the environment will have a lasting impact on a child’s life, but where budgets are often very constrained, I feel architecture has a lot to offer in finding an appropriate and inspiring resolution.”

ABA Architects is celebrating its 30th year of service to Southern Arizona and specializes in institutional and educational projects. The firm can be reached at 520.881.4512 or email: kfernandez@aba-architects.com.