



Steven Burns, FAIA

As a distinguished thought leader in the A/E industry, Steve skillfully blends his passion for design and firm management with profound insights into emerging technologies. Over the past two decades, working directly with over 1,400 firm owners, Steve has significantly contributed to reshaping these businesses for enhanced growth and sustainability.

Steve's rich architectural journey began with a 7-year tenure at SOM Chicago. However, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish BBA Architects in 1993.

Under his leadership, the firm expanded to 17 architects before he sold it in 2007. Not one to rest on

his laurels, Steve then founded ArchiOffice, a transformative project management software company acquired by BQE Software in 2010.

Recognized for his industry contributions, Steve was elevated to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects in 2009. However, his journey didn't stop there. As the Founder of The Well-Designed Firm, he has dedicated himself to guiding AE firms toward operational excellence, inspiring leaders to craft businesses as elegant and innovative as the architecture they create.