

Biographical Profile – Sandra Mendler, AIA

Ms. Mendler is a nationally recognized design leader, author, and advocate for Sustainable Design. A principal with Mithun in San Francisco, Sandy has over 20 years of professional experience leading the design effort for a variety of high profile projects, including office, research, and mixed use projects. Her innovative high-performance projects include the NOAA Pacific Region Headquarters in Hawaii, EPA Environmental Research Center in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, new Veterinary Medicine research laboratory for UC Davis and headquarters buildings for the World Resources Institute and National Wildlife Federation. Her commitment to Sustainable Design is rooted in her conviction that excellence in design requires informed, relevant and inspired solutions. Her goal is to broaden and elevate the discourse on Design, thereby raising expectations and ultimately transforming the design and construction industry.

Sandy has been an active member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Committee on the Environment (COTE), and served as chair from 1999-2001. She has also served on the board of directors of the US Green Building Council (USGBC) from 2000-2002 and from 2004-2007, and contributed to the early development of the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System. Sandy was also enlisted as a member of the US team for the International Green Building Challenge in 1998, and participated in the development of this evolving international standard to rate green buildings around the world.

Sandy has been recognized by Interiors & Sources magazine as an Environmental Champion for 2004, by the IIDA and Collins & Aikman 2001 "Sustainable Design Leadership Award," as well as the Construction Specifiers Institute's (CSI) national Environmental Sensitivity Award in 1998. She is co-author of two books and numerous articles, and her work is widely published in print and on the Internet. She has taught, lectured and served on peer review and expert panels, and has been invited to speak at dozens of conferences and industry events.

Previously sustainable design principal for HOK, Sandy recently joined Mithun in San Francisco. Mithun is a nationally recognized sustainable design practice focusing on architecture, landscape architecture, interiors, urban design and ecology. Mithun's mission is to inspire a sustainable world through leadership, innovation, and integrated design. For more information: www.mithun.com