



**THE  
BANNETT  
GROUP, LTD.**  
DESIGN BUILDERS

Concept to Completion Spring/Summer 2009

## A Conversation With...

### **Anthony Sirizzotti, AIA, DBIA, LEED A.P., Vice President of Architecture**

**Q** How important is architectural design in the design-build process?

**A** A common misconception is that design may be compromised in the design-build process, when in fact the opposite is true. The design-build process actually encourages and supports creativity and innovative design... capturing and enhancing a client's vision for the project.

The Bennett Group takes great pride in delivering a final product that not only meets

the client's schedule and budgetary needs, but one that is functionally and aesthetically well designed.

**Q** How is that accomplished?

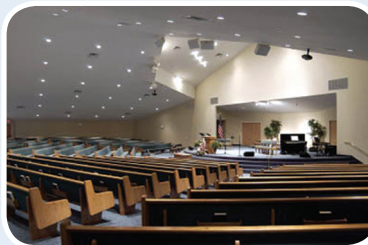
**A** The Design Department is an integral part of the Bennett team, beginning with initial conceptual meetings with the client through completion. The team works together and impacts the quality of the design in a positive way.

We bring our expertise as architects to the table to analyze the initial site plan and interview the client to discuss the design and how it will work on the site and within the budget. The key in design-build is that we don't cut out the design intent to get to the budget.

There are avenues that the entire team can take to get to the budget and maintain the design integrity of the project.

**Q** What are the benefits of The Bennett Group's team approach to projects?

**A** We assemble a team including everyone involved in a project, from the client to the subcontractors. Organization and communication are key to our success. Our clients are actively involved from day one. Teamwork is absolutely critical to ensure that the client's vision and personality come through in the design of the completed project.



## What Our Clients Say...

**"We started with a dream and ended with a building with which we are delighted."**

*- Atrium Medical Property Associates*

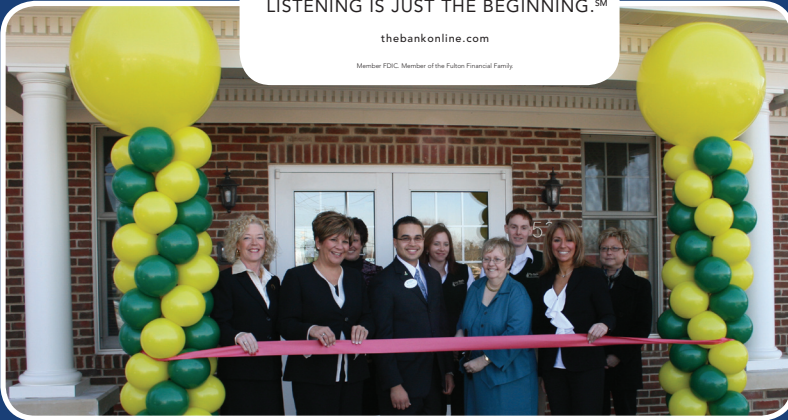


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## The Bank Adds Branches

Congratulations to The Bank on the opening of three new branches in Winslow Township and Berlin in Camden County and Little Egg Harbor in Atlantic County. The Bannett Group is proud to be part of The Bank team, handling design and construction of its branches.

## The Bannett Group/L2 Studios Garner DBIA Award

*The Bannett Group and L2 Studios received a Design-Build Award for the Starwood Vacation Gallery in the 2008 Regional Design-Build Awards Competition sponsored by the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) PA Tri-State Region. The 7,000 plus square foot sales center highlighted Starwood Properties around the world.*



## Starwood Gallery Award-Winning Team

### The Bannett Group

Diane Sirizzotti, Project Architect  
George Dudo, Project Manager  
Alan Viviano, Estimator  
Joe Volpe, Superintendent

### L2 Studios

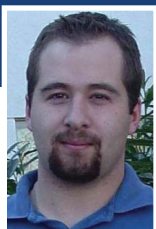
Debra Lemons, Principal  
B. Lee Whaley, RID, Assoc. AIA

**“The concept of design-build has worked very well for us. You have kept the building within our original estimate nearly to the penny, and my associates and I are well satisfied with the excellent job that you have done.”**

*- Rancocas Valley Surgical Associates*

**“Throughout the planning and renovation processes, we always felt a sense of team . . . you also demonstrated your commitment to developing a project at the most competitive cost without any loss in quality or service.”**

*- Lions Gate Retirement Community*



### **Taking the LEED in Sustainability**

Brad Barker, a project coordinator in The Bannett Group Design Department was recently awarded LEED Professional Accreditation. Brad completed the rigorous credentialing program, which distinguishes him as a building professional with the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the LEED certification process.

“Sustainable design is becoming more commonplace, and it will change the way we live,” said Brad.

Brad, who earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Temple University Tyler School of Art, joined the firm in 2005. As LEED accredited professionals, Brad and Vice President of Architecture Anthony Sirizzotti, bring added value to The Bannett Group and our clients.

### **The Dollars and “Sense” of Design-Build**

We hear it over and over – tough times call for tough choices. Design-Build may be the exception. As credit markets tighten, and interest rates remain low, banks are still lending for good, well thought out projects that meet their lending criteria.

#### **Six Reasons Why:**



1. Through single source responsibility, The Bannett Group manages the overall cost and schedule of the project from concept to completion.
2. As banks have tightened their lending criteria, design-build significantly reduces the risks of an owner requiring additional financing.
3. Lenders have a level of comfort when approving a client’s loan, knowing that the design-builder provides a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) early in the process.
4. The Bannett Group’s Part I process provides the lender a level of comfort knowing that the owner and the design-builder have thought through the scope of the project so no surprises arise later in the process.
5. Design-build projects typically have a shorter duration than their design-bid-build counterparts. There is no delay while a contractor is chosen; construction can start prior to the completion of design documents.
6. Once construction begins, the owner can feel confident that the project will be completed on time and within budget.



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- ◆ Total Site Contractors

## Current Projects

### Design

Aetna, Blue Bell, PA  
Alpha Baptist Church, Willingboro, NJ  
Living Springs @ Abundant Life,  
Delanco, NJ  
Mt. Laurel Medical, Cherry Hill, NJ  
The Bank, Northfield, NJ  
Walgreens, Cherry Hill, NJ  
Walgreens, East Bradford, NJ  
Walgreens, Glassboro, NJ  
Walgreens, Manalapan, NJ  
Walgreens, Lindenwold, NJ  
Walgreens, Philadelphia, PA

### Construction

Black Horse Pike Animal Hospital,  
Turnersville, NJ  
Fulton Financial, Doylestown, PA  
The Heart House, Washington Twp., NJ  
Paramus Retail, Ashley Furniture,  
Paramus, NJ  
Shoppes at Cross Keys, Gloucester Twp., NJ  
REI, East Hanover, NJ  
Roebling Bank, New Egypt, NJ  
Urology for Children, Washington Twp., NJ  
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