History

Team 8e architecture was formally established in 2008 as a culmination of professional experience, inspired leadership and design excellence over the past twenty-seven years. Recently organized in response to market demand for superior services at competitive fees, we offer a wealth of experience and balance between pragmatic design, award-winning aesthetics, and exceptional value at initial project occupancy and long-term facility operation. Our current portfolio focuses on Design for Education and the integration of educational ancillary facilities into campus environments.

Our inception dates back to the early 1980's upon entering into practice on the design team of the nation's most prominent retail developer, the DeBartolo Corporation of Youngstown, Ohio. An expansive knowledge base was attained in business, development and design over a span of nearly fifteen years, with progression through the tiers of management to Director of Architecture. The national development sector provided opportunities to collaborate with the nations leading design firms. HOK of Kansas City, RTKL Associates of Chicago and TVS Associates of Atlanta were recurring members of the DeBartolo team. Projects varied in size and scope from regional retail centers to large-scale entertainment, sporting and convention complexes.

The following decade, 1998-2008 provided an opportunity for exploration and growth in the private sector of professional design services. As an ownership partner and vice-president with Hanahan-Strollo Architects (HSA), one of the largest architectural firms in the Mahoning Valley, education and civic projects became the primary focus. Primary and secondary school facilities funded both locally and through the Ohio School Facilities Commission presented challenging opportunities to design creative and inspiring facilities while complying with an abundance of programming requirements and budgetary restrictions. Project design opportunities also encompassed various ancillary components that included Board of Education facilities, school administrative offices, and other departmental, maintenance and athletic training & competition venues. Particular attention was given to ensure the enhancement of efficiency and productivity, while providing equally comfortable, safe and inviting learning environments. Over this ten-year span, additional project types also included commercial retail spaces, places for religious worship and fire station & emergency training facilities.

