

# BSA LifeStructures



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LOCATION: Chicago, Illinois  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Austin, Texas

FIRM OPENED: 1975

EMPLOYEES: 200+

## FIRM PHILOSOPHY

BSA Lifestructures is strongly committed to the betterment of society through creating facilities that fulfill communal needs. The combination of creativity and evidence based design produces a product that successfully exhibits form and function.

## HISTORY

BSA LifeStructures originated out of a merging between an engineering firm, and an architectural firm. In the year 1975 Dwight Boyd, head of the engineering firm, and Richard Sobieray, head of the architectural firm, merged to make Boyd Sobieray Associates. Now, under one roof, engineers and architects could collaborate together to ensure a swift design process. Originally following the merger, the specialty of BSA was within the design of healthcare facilities. The merger was an instant success, and as demand for the firm's work rose. BSA quickly expanded within the first couple years of its existence, and in 1980 the firm diversified into other areas of design as well. BSA was now designing research, and higher education facilities which categorized it as a middle sized firm. It wasn't until the fourth principle, Don Altemeyer, became president that the firm really started to take off. He more than doubled the amount of employees in a short 2 years elevating the firm from middle to a large sized firm. The business growth was not the only change attributed to Altemeyer. The new president also changed the name of the firm to BSA Design to cater to the growth. It wasn't until 2003 that BSA Design adopted the name BSA LifeStructures and became the firm we know it as today.

## PROJECT TYPE

BSA LifeStructures deals with projects limited to the markets of healing, learning, and discovery. They design facilities intended for healthcare, higher learning, and facilities that are research oriented.

## COMPLETED PROJECTS

Notre Dame multidisciplinary engineering building, Notre Dame, Indiana  
Kishwaukee Cancer Center, DeKalb, Illinois  
Ministry Service Center, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Ivt Tech Community College, Marion, Indiana

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# Ivy Tech Community College Marion Campus

LOCATION: Marion, IN  
COMPLETION : 2008  
BUILDING TYPE: Community



## BUILDING TYPE + PROGRAM

The Ivy Tech Community College Marion campus is the result of a non-traditional partnership between the college, the city, and the county. The primary goal of this project is based on reversing an economic downturn caused by a lack of workforce training and a faltering economy. Local residents can receive professional training and give back to the community with their degrees.

## BUILDING DESIGN INTENTIONS

The design team used site and building concept studies to fully integrate the surrounding natural environment into all aspects of the design. Key public spaces such as the student commons and banquet rooms are oriented to provide sunlit views of the pond and wetlands.

## BUILDING PLANS, SECTIONS, ADDITIONAL IMAGES



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