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Name: Jim Batchelor, FAIA

Organization: Boston Society of Architects president

Company: Arrowstreet, Inc.

Title: President

Location: 212 Elm St., Somerville, Mass. 02144

Place of birth: Boston, Mass. - 1950

Family: Wife Clara, and 3 children Sam, Andrew and Laura

College: Williams College undergraduate; 2 degrees (city planning and architecture) from MIT

First job unrelated to your current field: Summer program for blind children in Washington, DC

First job in current field: Environmental Design Group, a non-profit affiliate of Arrowstreet. Planning mental health facilities

What your firm does now and its plans for the future: We are a diverse architecture and planning firm. We are expanding into more green and energy efficient projects

Hobbies: Growing Bonzai trees, and making furniture and art glass

Favorite novel: Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson

Favorite film: Monsoon Wedding and Milk

Key to success: Know what you want, and listen to those that are around you

Person you most admire: Barack Obama

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be: Math teacher

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