

# Lighting designer survey

This list represents designers and companies that completed a survey sent to those in our design firm database.

Company	Lighting designer(s)	Phone	Firm's Web site
<b>Cole Martinez Curtis and Associates (Marina del Ray, Calif.)</b>	Colleen Neilson, Rikki Lee	(310) 827-7200	<a href="http://www.cmcadesign.com">www.cmcadesign.com</a>
<b>Commercial Interior Decor (Sioux Falls, S.D.)</b>	Linda Halbritter	(605) 334-9288	<a href="http://www.cidinc.net">www.cidinc.net</a>
<b>Lang Lighting Design (Dallas)</b>	Andy Lang, Greg Littleton, Erica Pankotai, Jacob Gerber	(214) 780-0700	<a href="http://www.langlighting.com">www.langlighting.com</a>
<b>MAC Design Group (Harrisburg, Pa.)</b>	Melissa Conchilla	(717) 514-8188	<a href="http://www.macdesigngroup.com">www.macdesigngroup.com</a>
<b>Montgomery Roth Architecture &amp; I.D. (Houston)</b>	Lisa Roth, Rhonda Smith	(713) 654-9400	<a href="http://www.montgomeryroth.com">www.montgomeryroth.com</a>
<b>Prada &amp; Kulich (Irving, Texas)</b>	Carlos Oroza, Inna Ryjykh	(972) 322-4482	<a href="http://www.pradakulich.com">www.pradakulich.com</a>
<b>Prochaska &amp; Associates (Omaha, Neb.)</b>	Tom Hawk, Dixie Palmer, Brian Kerl	(402) 334-0755	N/A
<b>Radiant Design (Grand Haven, Mich.)</b>	George Kruggel	(616) 355-9950	<a href="http://www.radiant-lighting.com">www.radiant-lighting.com</a>
<b>Robert C. Vagnieres Jr. &amp; Associates (Chicago)</b>	Robert Vagnieres	(773) 843-1317	<a href="http://www.vagnieresarchitects.com">www.vagnieresarchitects.com</a>
<b>WATG (Honolulu)</b>	Mary Suenaga, Jim Guequierre	(808) 540-4612	<a href="http://www.watg.com">www.watg.com</a>
<b>Wilson Associates (Dallas)</b>	Outsourced	N/A	<a href="http://www.wilsonassoc.com">www.wilsonassoc.com</a>

Energy efficiency is top of mind for lighting experts who responded to HOTEL DESIGN's annual survey of lighting designers. The ability to achieve a distinct look with budgetary constraints is another primary concern.

We asked: What trends and challenges are at the forefront of hotel lighting design?

"The latest trend is the use of LED (light-emitting diode) to save on energy costs. The technology at the moment is not up to spec yet for the desired effect (i.e. not enough light output)."

—Mary Suenaga, designer, WATG

"The greatest challenge is (sourcing) a good-looking fixture that is energy efficient, while having good style."

—Linda Halbritter, interior designer, Commercial Interior Decor

"Creating the look that the client wants with the budget provided."

—Rhonda Smith, partner, Montgomery Roth Architecture & Interior Design

"Achieving a distinct look for a good price."

—Dixie D. Palmer, interior architect, Prochaska & Associates

"Using lighting to control the guest experience so they experience one feel during the day and another during the night in the same space (very much like a chameleon)."

—Amy Tessler, public relations, Wilson Associates