



# Powers & Company, Inc.

Historic Preservation and Architectural Conservation

## **Robert Michael Powers**

### **President**

#### **Summary Qualifications**

Robert Powers is President of Powers & Company, Inc., a national consulting firm specializing in the preservation and conservation of historic structures. Formed in 1995, the firm consists of a full-service professional team whose work has been recognized by the Urban Land Institute, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia.

With over thirty years of diverse experience on projects throughout the United States, Mr. Powers is a national expert on the interpretation and application of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* in historic preservation tax incentive projects. Mr. Powers is known for his ability to problem-solve and craft practical solutions with clients that are sensitive to both preservation and development issues. Mr. Powers was Principal in Charge at Powers & Company, Inc. for the preservation of the U.S. Post Office, Main Branch at 30<sup>th</sup> Street and the PSFS Building, both in Philadelphia. At the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building and Complex Mr. Powers was the Consulting Supervisory Conservator on the interior restoration of the buildings within the Capitol complex. In addition, Mr. Powers has consulted on such notable preservation projects as Los Angeles City Hall and the Headquarters for Urban Outfitters in the Philadelphia Naval Business Center. Prior to establishing his own firm, Mr. Powers for twelve years, honed his skills at the National Park Service administering the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program for projects within seventeen states. More information on the work of Mr. Powers and Powers & Company can be found on the company web site at [www.powersco.net](http://www.powersco.net).

#### **Professional Experience**

*President, Powers & Company, Inc., Philadelphia, PA, 1995-Present*

*Architectural Historian, National Park Service, Philadelphia, PA, 1983-1994*

*Project Manager, Central Park Conservancy, New York, New York, 1981-1983*

*Conservator, New York State Maritime Museum, New York, New York, 1979-1981*

*Director, Schenectady Historic Resource Survey, Schenectady, New York, 1977-1979*

#### **Education**

Columbia University, New York, New York  
Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Historic Preservation  
M.S., Historic Preservation, 1981 (*thesis pending*)

Union College, Schenectady, New York  
B.A., American Studies, 1977

#### **Publications**

*Stoneworld Magazine, "The Lime Method in the United Kingdom"*

Preservation Tech Note, WINDOWS, Number 17, *Repair and Retrofitting Industrial Steel Windows.*

Preservation Tech Note, MASONRY, Number 1, *Substitute Materials: Replacing Deteriorated Serpentine Stone with Pre-Cast Concrete.*

Preservation Tech Note, MASONRY, Number 3, *Water Soak Cleaning of Limestone.*

*"The Central Park Graffiti Removal Program," Trends Magazine.*

#### **Professional Affiliations**

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Philadelphia

The Association for Preservation Technology (APT) International  
The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC)  
The National Trust for Historic Preservation  
International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

### **Awards**

- 2011 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Grand Jury Award for the rehabilitation of the Main Post Office at 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2011 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Grand Jury Award for the rehabilitation of the Presser Home for Retired Music Teachers, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2010 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Grand Jury Award for the rehabilitation of the Girard Estate Warehouses, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Grand Jury Award for the rehabilitation of the Hatboro Lofts, Hatboro, PA.
- 2009 The Ohio Historic Preservation Office, Awards of Merit for the rehabilitation of the Buckeye Building and the Seneca Hotel, Columbus, OH.
- 2007 National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Preservation Award for the rehabilitation of Urban Outfitters Headquarters, Buildings 7, 10, 12, 15 & 543, Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2006 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Preservation Achievement Award for rehabilitation of the Coral Street Arts House, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Preservation Achievement Award for the rehabilitation of the Delaware Trust Building, Wilmington, DE.
- 2005 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Preservation Achievement Award for the Restoration of Building 26, Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2005 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Preservation Achievement Award and the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office Award for the restoration of the Victor Building, Camden, NJ.
- 2004 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Preservation Achievement Award for Greater Philadelphia for the Restoration of Building 10, Philadelphia Navy Yard, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2003 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Preservation Achievement Award for the Restoration of the Insurance Company of North America Building, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2001 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award, Preservation Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission for the Restoration of the PSFS Building, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2000 The Association for Preservation Technology International, Presidential Citation for the Rehabilitation of the PSFS Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2000 New Jersey Historic Preservation Award for the Rehabilitation of the Zane School, Collingswood, NJ.
- 1998 Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, Preservation Achievement Award for the Restoration of the North Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1990 National Park Service Horace M. Albright Award.