

# Proposal

## Southbank University Language Centre Project



Building Design Partnership

Creating Value Through Design

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## Company and Services

### *Company Profile*

BDP is a multi-discipline practice of architects, designers and engineers, aiming to provide comprehensive, integrated design services for the built environment. We were founded in 1961 by the late Professor Sir George Grenfell Baines.

Our mission is to be collaborative, working in partnership with customers, colleagues in construction and the communities we impact. We aim to be ethical and responsible to all stakeholders. We believe that good design can create substantial economic and social value.

BDP designs about 2% of all the new, non residential building (and some of the housing) in the UK each year, around £450m in construction costs. We also have 10% of our work overseas. We are specialists in almost all building types.

There are over 800 staff in the UK in 10 locations with 140 more in Ireland and in France in BDP International.

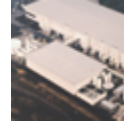
Our annual fee income is over £60m. We are consistent major design award winners, with over 300 to date.



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### *Services*



### **Architecture**

BDP International remains the No 1 architectural firm in Western Europe for the third year running and has moved up from sixth to fifth position in the World rankings, according to the World Architecture Top 200 survey, published this year by UK architectural journal Building Design.

### **Design**

BDP Design combines the skills of interior, graphic, product, furniture, industrial and 3D design, together with photographic, media, and visualization specialists across five locations within Building Design Partnership.

### **Engineering**

BDP Engineering is the collective name for the Engineering professions in Building Design Partnership.

We think imaginatively about engineering and use our 40 years of industry experience to develop best value solutions for our clients.

BDP Engineering has almost 300 staff in the UK, Eire and the Far East.

We provide clients with specialist engineering advice or total engineering design, and we work within BDP multi-disciplined teams or with outside organizations to whom we bring our collaborative work style and multi-specialist skills.

### **Urbanism**

BDP's multidisciplinary approach to urbanism brings together town planners, landscape designers, urban designers and other professionals.

We draw on our experience of developing world-class retail facilities, offices, leisure, transport interchanges and housing, to create schemes that work for the community 24 hours a day.



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### Advanced Technologies

BDP Advanced Technologies deliver highly technical and high integrity facilities for the pharmaceuticals, life science, semiconductor, electronics, & food industries.

Using in-house multidisciplinary teams and integrated methods, we provide either a complete design service or total "turnkey" project delivery called Design Led Contracting™.

Projects range from state of the art "greenfield" facilities to refurbishment and expansion of existing facilities.

Our experienced and knowledgeable workforce is capable of delivering world class buildings through: sector awareness; strong client relationships; team building; extensive benchmarking; and the latest IT and CAD technology.

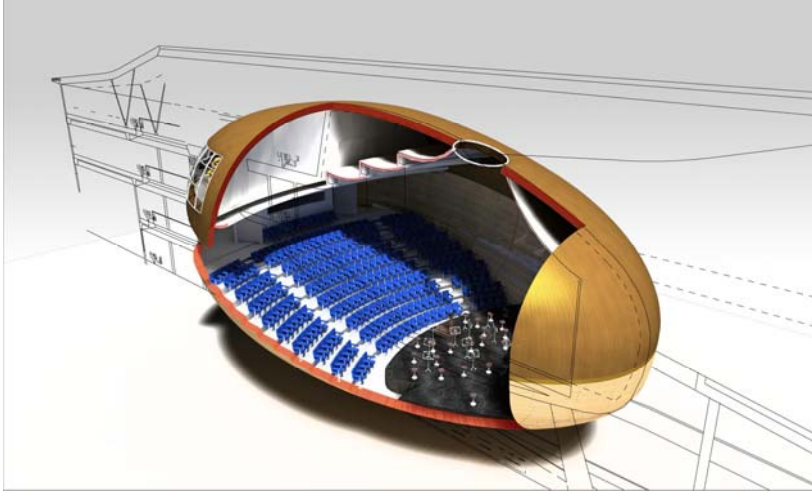
We have offices in England, Ireland, Scotland and Singapore, with associations throughout Europe and Asia. Where possible we prefer to work directly on site or co-located with our clients.

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## Projects

### *Napier University Lecture Theatre*

The timber framed and titanium-clad egg-shaped lecture theatre at Napier's £25m redeveloped Craiglockhart Campus has been shortlisted in the Wood Awards 2004.



The 'egg' has been recognised for outstanding design, craftsmanship and installation in joinery and structures in wood. Working in partnership with construction company, HBG, the 'egg' was

designed by leading architects Building Design Partnership, who created the Science Centre in Glasgow and revamped London's Royal Opera House.

As one of the most striking elements of the campus, the 200-seater Lindsay Stewart lecture theatre, has a curvaceous 'egg' shape designed to be more efficient for lecturing students by improving interaction and acoustics.

Thanks to innovative timber structuring, the lecture theatre can hold its curvaceous frame without the need for internal columns.



The lecture theatre is one of 24 projects from throughout the UK which have been shortlisted by the judges of The Wood Awards, which will be held at the Carpenter' Hall in London on 19 October.

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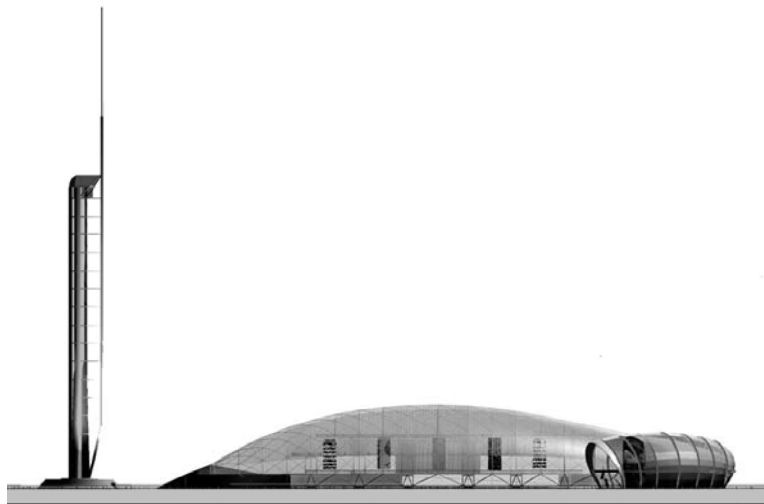
### *Glasgow Science Centre, Glasgow, 2001*



This outstanding science centre is the result of a competition and Millennium Commission funding. Three elements, the pod-like science mall, snail-like Imax theatre, and the wind-turned tower (by Richard Hordern) form the centre.

Titanium cladding symbolizes the excitement of science and the centre is catalyzing regeneration at Pacific Quay.

Awards came from the Good Britain Guide, Glasgow Institute of Architects and the Dynamic Place awards.





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### ***Southbank University Language Centre Project***

The Language Centre is a key part of the Business, Computing and Information Management (BCIM) Faculty, which brings together students from over 120 nationalities to provide opportunities to develop an understanding of business and management in an international context and to develop a global network of business contacts.

Following considerable expansion in the early 1990s, it emerged as one of the largest centres of business education and training in the United Kingdom.

The Faculty has extensive contacts around Europe, Asia, and other parts of the world, with growing international recruitment and collaboration with other institutions. It has links to universities and colleges in France, Spain, Germany, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Malaysia, Thailand and the USA, while newly developing links include institutions in China, as well as with industry, the business world and a wide range of professional bodies.



The Language Centre is an open-access area, located on the second floor of the Learning Resources Centre.

- Over 500 English and foreign language films
- Daily Recordings of the News in the main
- European Languages
- Word processing in French, German, Spanish and Italian.





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There is also a programme of part-time evening classes at a range of levels in Arabic, Chinese Mandarin, English IELTS, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.



Language Centre staff are always available at Reception to advise you on self-study materials or on our programme of evening classes. When you use the Language Centre for the first time, you will be given an induction and shown how to make the best use of the multi-media equipment and materials available.

The Language Centre has a wide range of equipment and resources, including:

- 24 multimedia computers, giving you internet access in the main European languages
- A modern language laboratory
- Interactive video and CD Rom materials
- Extensive TV, Satellite and Video viewing