



# Statement of Qualifications

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## **FIRM HISTORY**

Sheldon Westervelt established the *Global Group* in 1986 to offer creative solutions to technical challenges in sports facility design. For three years in the 90's, *Global Consult Group* was a division of L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Inc. In January of 2000, the core of the original *Global Consult Group* split away from the Pennsylvania engineering firm to again work independently and the office of *Global Sports & Tennis Design Group* was established in New Jersey.

Since the mid 80's, the *Global Group* has been developing a strong network of professionals around the world. The firm has had designers and developers working under the *Global Group* banner as associates in Asia and Europe for many years, and has new ones joining the team each year.

The *Global Group* has designed a wide variety of projects in both the USA and abroad, ranging from large, multiple-court developments to private residences. *Global* has remained in the forefront of distinctive tennis facility design and engineering and has won numerous design awards for its projects. Sheldon Westervelt, the *GCG* founder, and Alexander Levitsky, the new director, have a combined 65 years of experience in facility design.

## **DESIGN PHILOSOPHY**

From the most complex program for major tennis centers such as The Tennis Center of Coral Springs in Florida, site of America's Red Clay Tennis Championship, to the resort setting of Port de Plaisance in St. Maarten, Netherland Antilles, the *Global Group* has demonstrated a wide range of variety in its designs. The *Global Group* has become known for its site planning strategies and contextual designs. By drawing attention to the interesting physical characteristics on each project site, and by arranging the required functions in an attractive manner, each facility takes on a character of its own.

*Global* provides expertise in tennis, sport and recreational facility design to include player and spectator concerns and to create a pleasant environment that's efficient and easy to operate and maintain. To accomplish this, we pay attention to the design of player amenities, such as drinking fountains, shade shelters, communications systems as well as playing surfaces, orientation of courts, natural site resources, "neighbor friendly" lighting systems, and attractive landscaping.

### **PROJECT TEAM**

The success of many of the *Global Group's* projects is attributable to a unified approach to all design elements made possible by the broad range of skills and experience of the Project Design Teams.

The principal designers remain personally involved with the project and the client from the earliest meetings until construction is completed. Supported by a Project Team composed of experienced professionals assembled specifically to match the needs of the individual client and project, the principal designer coordinates the efforts of the team and monitors project costs and schedules, which are important determinants of successful projects.

Integral to virtually every Project Team are consultants, who typically include architects, civil, mechanical and electrical engineers, and may also include experts in such specialized disciplines as lighting, communications and landscape design. The Team also frequently includes an associated local architect/engineer who provides technical support and local representation particularly for projects in other states and abroad. One of the services of the firm is the identification and close coordination of these consultants, many of who have worked as part of Project Teams on numerous *Global* projects.

### **SERVICES**

A team of professionals provides clients with full design and engineering services for the design of sports and support facilities at tennis & country clubs, at hotels & resorts, at educational institutions, at residences, on rooftops, in parks, in recreational areas, for collegiate programs, and for tournament venues.

These services include assistance at the beginning of a project with feasibility studies, programming, master planning, site planning, architectural design, site engineering and construction observation. The team handles the design of utilities, drainage, pavement and structures. As an accompaniment to its design and engineering, the *Global Group* also has extensive background and knowledge in club, court, track and field construction, and an understanding of the most current equipment, facility fit-ups, and construction technology.

Professional members of the *Group* can also offer expert witness testimony and trial consultation.