

Brian Gilligan Bio

Brian Gilligan, PE, is the founder of A Glass Clearly, LLC and a leader at the forefront of healthy, high-performance buildings. As chair of the Environmental Quality Technical Advisory Group for LEED v5, he is helping shape the next generation of the world's most widely used green building rating system by advancing strategies that make better buildings and happier people.

Throughout his career, Brian has focused on one core idea: buildings should work for the people inside them. He has brought that vision to life by launching initiatives that connect science, policy, and real-world practice. He helped found the Health in Buildings Roundtable through the National Academy of Sciences and serves as a commissioner on the Global Commission on Indoor Air Quality, advancing the conversation on indoor environments at a global scale.

Brian's perspective is grounded in 26 years of public service. At the U.S. General Services Administration, where he served as Acting and Deputy Director of the Office of Federal High-Performance Buildings, he turned vision into action. He led "Ventilation as a Public Health Strategy," harnessing real building data to improve air quality and energy performance as part of the White House Clean Air in Buildings Challenge. He also led Workplace 2030, bringing together more than 100 leaders across government and industry to rethink how and where we work. The effort sparked new federal coworking programs and a Workplace Innovation Lab, among GSA's post-pandemic steps toward a more flexible, people-centered future of work.

A licensed Professional Engineer with degrees from Rensselaer and Stanford, Brian began his career as a U.S. Navy officer, building and maintaining facilities around the world—an experience that continues to inform his practical, mission-driven approach today.