

## **Bio: Bob Cook**

Bob Cook, Sustainable Systems Planner

Bob has wide-ranging community-related planning experience working in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. He is President of NEST, Inc, a non-profit community development organization operating in Tucson since 1989. As a strategic planner for Pima Community College during the 1990s, Bob coordinated strategic and master planning during the institution's rapid growth phase.

As a sustainability advocate, he served on the City of Tucson's Cost of Growth Task Force; contributed to the early development of Civano-Tucson's Solar Village as past-chair of the Tucson-Pima Metropolitan Energy Commission; promoted multi-modal transportation and transit-oriented development as Treasurer of the 2003 Citizens Transportation Initiative ballot measure; co-founded Sustainable Tucson in 2006, a community-building and advocacy organization promoting regional sustainability; and currently serves on the Pima County Planning & Zoning Commission,

Bob co-authored two books in 1975 on environmental planning and renewable energy development; graduated with distinction in economics from the University of Arizona; and received an M.S. in Systems Planning under a Dean's Fellowship from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He was granted two U.S Patents and has been an active resident of Tucson since 1960.