Seeking: Architectural Designer – Washington DC

The buildingcommunityWORKSHOP ([bc]) is a nonprofit community design center seeking to improve the livability and viability of communities through the practice of thoughtful design and making. [bc] has offices in Dallas, Brownsville, and Houston, TX and in Washington DC. [bc] is currently seeking a Design Manager to work in our Washington DC office supporting projects locally and in other offices.

Position Title: Architect / Senior Design Manager
Start Date: October 2019
Compensation: $55,000 - $65,000

MAIN PURPOSE AND FUNCTION
The work we do is impactful. It is fun. It is challenging. You will work with people in places where design services are typically not accessible and working with people who normally do not have access to design. You will be responsible for all aspects of project delivery from pre-design to completion. This may include pre-design engagement activities to tee-up work, schematic design in a number of mediums (sketch, model, digital) design development/construction documentation, construction administration and project management under the supervision of a licensed architect.

This position requires the ability to apply a diverse set of skills to a diverse set of issues. You will be working in areas where resources are scarce and therefore must be resourceful. What that means is that you may work on the design of a building, a public space, go to a community meeting, develop budgets, or pursue funding in the same day. Other days you may just do one thing. The ability to manage your time effectively while remaining nimble and focused is paramount.

Potential projects may include the design of modular/pre-fabricated disaster reconstruction housing prototypes, multi-family affordable housing, rehab of historic structures, design for the formerly homeless, and bike/ped infrastructure. While the position is based in DC, it will be supporting work in all of our offices.

WE VALUE TEAM MEMBERS WHO:
• Are strong team players (of course!)
• Enjoy applying themselves creatively to Architectural and Urban Design challenges.
• Thrive when given independence in project management situations.
• Enthusiastically support the implementation of architectural and/or urban design initiatives. Some travel to project sites required.
• Enjoy supporting our clients and partner organizations.
• Enjoy being ingrained in their local community as well as supporting work in other geographies.
QUALIFICATIONS

• A commitment to people and place with a strong interest in public interest design.
• Master’s degree in architecture.
• 3+ years’ design experience: project management, design, documentation, and construction administration.
• Experience in mentoring junior staff.
• Licensed Architect or progressing towards licensure.
• Experience in residential and light commercial typologies.
• Strong visual communication skills and graphic talent.
• Strong verbal and written communication skills.
• Experience with affordable house design (modular or prefab or custom design).
• Experience with direct civic engagement a plus, including but not limited to: organizing a design charrette or workshop, hosting a community forum.
• Proficiency in Archicad, Revit, AutoCAD, Adobe Creative Suite.
• Eligible and authorized to work in the USA.

BENEFITS

• Healthcare coverage paying 100% of the Blue Cross Blue Shield HSA Plan for you as an individual
• Reimbursement not to exceed $500 annually for professional development
• 80 hours vacation
• 48 hours PTO/Sick
• Paid Holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, New Year’s Day)
• Summer Break (1 week, organization-determined)
• Winter Break (1 week, organization-determined)
• 1 floating Faith Holiday (Good Friday, Yom Kippur, etc.)

COMMITMENT

Position is full time salaried employment

CONTACT

Please email one file containing an interest letter, resume, and work samples. (15 mb maximum file size) to: Kristy Ramirez (no phone calls please) at kristy@bcworkshop.org. Please reference “Architectural Designer - DC” in the subject line of your email.

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