

MSU Real Estate & Capital Planning
Principal Planner & Architect
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As Principal Planner & Architect, you will play a significant leadership role in the project programming, planning and design for the university. The successful candidate will build collaborative relationships providing excellent customer service with executive leadership in planning facilities in accordance with the University's Strategic Plan and the Campus Plan.

The ideal candidate will provide support for planning, programming, and preliminary studies that substantiate campus requests for capital funding and sets project parameters prior to schematic design. This position will provide support in the development of feasibility studies and assist in, and in many cases, initiate, strategic communications with internal and external entities including faculty, staff and administrators of University Colleges and Departments; as well as governmental agencies, and a variety of design consultants, vendors and contractors.

- The Principal Planner & Architect will work collaboratively providing excellent customer service to MSU internal stakeholders including the Provost Office, Office of Health Sciences, Intercollegiate Athletics, Student Life and Engagement, Government Relations, and Advancement.
- External stakeholder engagement will include the local community leaders, State of Michigan Department of Technology Management and Budget, as well commercial collaboration partners and developer partners.
- This role will help stakeholders define their facility vision and mission, collaborate with MSU Institutional Space Planning and Management to define project programming, scope, and budget, and lead feasibility studies and conceptual design for the university's facility initiatives.
- Assist in building and guiding the internal MSU subject matter experts and project manager teams and will provide leadership in defining and verifying project scope and budget.
- Will contribute to selecting and engaging consultant architects, engineers, and contractors.

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In this role, the Principal Planner & Architect will:

- Report to the Assistant Vice President for Real Estate and Capital Planning (AVPRECP).
- Collaborate closely with the AVPRECP direct reports including:
 - **Campus Planner:** Campus Planning is committed to a comprehensive and continuous land use planning process that results in a flexible framework to guide future decision making. The University will consider the use of resources from environmental, regulatory, operational, economic, historic, and cultural perspectives in support of its teaching/learning, research, and outreach mission.
 - **Director of Planning Design and Construction (PDC):** Planning, Design and Construction provides planning, design, construction inspection and management services for campus infrastructure and facilities. Regular updates to the MSU Board of Trustees are expected through quarterly reports and potential presentations to BOT members and other MSU leadership. The department includes an interior design team that serves teaching and learning spaces, athletic spaces, offices, and public areas on campus. In addition, the staff designs and manages landscaping, roads and sidewalks and is responsible for the long-term physical development of MSU's campus. It develops, manages and implements the future landscape and land use laid out in the Campus Plan, and supports MSU's Energy Transition Plan by working with decision-makers to focus on energy policies, monitoring and verifying energy consumption and performance on campus and identifying energy-use patterns that lead the campus community to solutions. This department oversees the Campus Infrastructure Planning Work Group (CIPWG), a broadly-based committee which is chaired by a faculty member. The CIPWG committee provides recommendations to the Executive Vice President for Administrative Services, the Provost and Executive Vice

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President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Strategic Infrastructure Planning and Facilities regarding the compliance of campus-wide and project-specific planning and design efforts with the Campus Plan. The department serves various stakeholders on campus including Athletics, Student Life and Engagement, a variety of academic units and Colleges in partnership with Institutional Space Planning and Management, as well as the core infrastructure needs for campus.

- **Director of Real Estate Operations (REO):** The Real Estate Office provides a suite of real estate, leasing, and property management services to the University, formerly known as the Land Management office. In concert with the AVP position, its goal is to plan pro-actively and implement a strategic approach to the University's current and potential future real estate holdings in support of the University's academic, research, innovation, and outreach mission.
- **Capital Planning Manager (CP):** The Capital Renewal Program is the university's primary annual facility reinvestment program. The program addresses deficiencies in our campus facilities and infrastructure, especially building systems at the end of their life cycle. We prioritize projects that address multiple issues, such as life safety, accessibility, infrastructure performance, resource efficiency, and renewal of critical building systems (e.g., electrical, plumbing, HVAC). Our objective is to maintain a long term, multi-year plan for ongoing, strategic reinvestment in the campus facilities.
- **Contract Administrator:** Capital Projects Contracting manages contracts and procurement of professional services for all major capital projects.
- Provide thought leadership in planning new facilities and major renovations.

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- Collaborate with Institutional Space Planning and Management (ISPM) to identify and clarify stakeholder needs and goals.
- Collaborate with the Campus Planner to evaluate campus site opportunities and impact for facility planning.
- Lead internal and external design consultant teams in the development, evaluation, and recommendation of facility solutions.
- Identify facility solutions to address building usage optimization, obsolescence, sustainability, and MSU's target for Carbon Neutrality by 2050.
- Collaborate in the selection of consultant architects, engineers, and construction teams.
- Support the Director of Real Estate Operations for off-campus facility initiatives including long-term leases, facility acquisitions, new construction, and partners institutions and developers.

As part of their responsibilities, and to add value and assist all levels of administration in achieving University goals and objectives, the Principal Planner & Architect will be responsible for creating a high-performing, transparent and customer-focused organizational group.

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