Senior Design Architect/Knowledge Expert

Reports To:
Chief Design Officer

Overview:
A Senior Design Architect is responsible for the development of architectural projects with an emphasis on design ambition. They will manage the critical path process and lead project teams from pre-design and conceptual development to project completion. As part of large project teams with a Senior Technical Architect or Project Manager, they will lead project teams with design presentations, client alignment, and contributing to project detailing with an emphasis on design sensitivity. They will support large project teams with client alignment, community engagement and overall design direction in early phases and support the overall development of project documentation until completion.

Responsibilities and Duties:
- Lead the development of projects from pre-design through project completion by establishing and meeting project goals, developing visually compelling presentations and documentation for all phases of design, and monitoring work during construction; in order to complete an aspirational design with respect to budget and schedule.

- Collaborate with all disciplines to ensure comprehensive design solutions are achieved and communicate design aspirations clearly to the entire project team, client, and key stakeholders with both visual and verbal communication skills.

- Pursue expertise through research and practice to establish Knowledge and Thought Leadership in a specialized area of interest: i.e. Sector, Design Process, Construction Methodology, etc.

- Ensure that all aspects of code and life safety issues are addressed throughout the entire design process and coordinate with teams and external consultants.

- Provide leadership and mentoring to less experienced staff.

Qualifications:
- 10+ years experience with architectural emphasis
- Licensed Architect in Michigan and desire for licensure in other relevant states
- Demonstrated experience as lead designer on award-winning projects in one of the following categories: Mixed-Use or Multi-Family Housing / Civic or Cultural / Urban Design
- Expertise in visualization particularly 3-Dimensional photorealistic rendering
- Proficiency in Revit, Dynamo, with expertise in Rhino, Grasshopper and Adobe CS
- Demonstrated and recognized design experience in projects recognized for design quality, innovation and significance.
- Capable of creating a team atmosphere leading to successful completion of projects
- Computational Design skills
- Experience with Digital Fabrication
- LEED Accreditation preferred