

INSPIRATIONAL TALENT WANTED

POLICE/FIRE/ADMINISTRATION STUDIO DIRECTOR



DS Architecture is committed to building a team of multi-disciplined staff, with diverse talents and expertise in a variety of project typologies. Working with clients at the forefront of their industries, we continually strive to be a premier design firm in Northeast Ohio.

PURPOSE

WE DESIGN FOR THE FUTURE AND HUMANITY

Facilities should naturally support human engagement in collaboration, service and discovery. Our goal is to enhance these experiences by breaking down both physical and perceived barriers to create a place in which individuals and groups can produce results and inspire together.

A functional space with flexible uses and a comfortable environment enables people to take ownership of their surroundings, stimulating focus and creativity. Because productivity is the health of a building, we will work to understand all respective needs and goals so that each project is successful.

WE DESIGN FOR SERVICE AND SAFETY

Public facilities belong to the community. Our projects for public entities reflect our dedication to designing buildings that invite and welcome the citizens they serve and that protect and support those who work in them.

Engaging all critical parties in the process of design produces a building that works and that is a source of community pride. Our studio team leads this collaboration and guides the process with expertise and confidence that is grown from experience.

DS Architecture seeks the right individual for the position of a Project Manager for our Healthcare Studio. Candidates should desire to be a part of and leading a project team. In addition, this individual should have a strong understanding of projects from the conceptual design phase through the construction documents phase. Our design culture encourages collaboration, commitment and excitement – leveraging each person's unique skills to create successful projects. A paramount attribute of any staff member is the ability to work in partnership successfully with the entire team, and to have fun.

Candidates should exemplify leadership and robust organizational skills in leading a diverse group through the successful completion of multiple projects simultaneously. They must also continually demonstrate the virtue of patience and approachability. Our Police/Fire/Administration Studio is all public work. Candidates should possess a leadership approach that balances the bureaucracy and patience of public projects while creating a nurturing atmosphere and team first mentality.

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BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Professional Architectural degree from an accredited university
- Minimum architectural firm experience – 10 years beyond graduation
- Proficient in AutoCad and REVIT
- Adobe Creative Cloud competency
- Related municipal experience
- Registered Architect or NCIDQ
- A desire for continual personal growth by learning from staff and clients, a proven leadership on successful projects, and an aspiration to share knowledge from their experiences
- Strong management skills, patience, approachability, and strong organizational skills

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (NOT MANDATORY)

- LEED Accredited Professional
- NCARB certificate holder

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must have the ability to show strong competence in understanding the full spectrum of the architectural process.
- Candidate should have ten to fifteen years of experience working in a professional architectural firm.

FIRM PROFILE

In 1983, David Sommers founded our firm on the simple value of “people come first.” In 2010, inspired by the notion of a firm rooted in culture, Jeffrey Meyers became a partner with hopes of providing others the opportunity to truly enjoy the architectural profession. In 2011 the firm supplemented culture with design by hiring Eric Pros, who embraces and emphasizes the principle that design matters. Today the firm considers itself a culture-based design firm, led by six studio directors with diversity of thought, typology, and approach. Together we strive to shape the world by inspiring the next generation of architectural professionals to embrace an unparalleled commitment to both culture and design.

STUDIOS

Over the years, the firm’s breadth of experience in multiple architectural design disciplines has led to the development of six studios:

Healthcare

Restaurant/ Retail

Higher Education

Adaptive Transformation

Police/ Fire/ Administration

K-12 Education

OUR PROVEN PROCESS

Our ultimate purpose is to inspire together.

We strive to cultivate an environment of trust and genuine care, where everyone is committed to knowledge. This has generated a firm of dedicated and unabashedly collaborative people who enjoy working together and bringing out the best in each other. We are never finished improving. We pursue excellence on every project and are transformed by each experience.

We are organized internally to respond to change and growth, and to foster innovation and creativity. Guided by our shared core values, we each contribute our talents and strengths to the whole. Leaders support and mentor individual development, promoting the advancement of the entire organization.

Our projects are a testament to our values and tell our story.

OUR CULTURE

WHO WE ARE

David Sommers founded the firm on a principle that remains essential today - family.

We are a family that works together and grows together; we are rewarded by the process of creating architectural design excellence together (and we have a lot of fun along the way).

OUR CORE VALUES

FAIRNESS. Our way is fair and benefits all concerned. We operate by understanding that everyone is a true team player, working for the greater good of all. We expect everyone to stay humble and take the initiative to contribute when help is needed.

TRUSTWORTHINESS. We believe that trusting and empowering each other will lead us all to success. We expect honesty and integrity. We own up to mistakes, recognize our strengths and acknowledge our weaknesses, so that we can improve together.

CONVICTION. We possess a passion to solve any problem and accomplish any challenge. From engaging in the design process to positively receiving criticism, we persevere and face obstacles head on for the greater good of all.

COLLABORATION. Teamwork is paramount to our design process and enhances solutions to complex problems. We expect everyone to share ideas and experiences, and to listen to the contributions of others. None of us is as smart as all of us, and from the smallest voices may come the biggest ideas.

COMMITMENT TO KNOWLEDGE. We are always eager to learn and willing to teach; this differential core value continually pushes us to the forefront of our industry. We seek out growth opportunities and use our knowledge to lead and inspire.

WHY

INSPIRING TOGETHER

By engaging others through the architectural design process, we aspire to spark imagination, creativity, and originality in ourselves and others.

HOW

[Idea Conception](#) | [Idea Exploration](#) | [Idea Refinement](#) | [Idea Finalization](#) | [Idea Realization](#)

WHAT

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN EXCELLENCE

We strive to ignite the passion for design in everyone involved while developing innovative solutions for the built environment.

OUR DIFFERENCE

We listen. We encourage the sharing of information, ideas and goals. This collection of input at the outset of the process lays groundwork for a solution that best meets the budget, schedule, form and functional needs.

We lead. We guide discussion and promote collaboration between all team members to generate the best possible solution.

We innovate. Every project is unique. Reaching the optimal solution for each requires a team committed to studying, assessing and developing the most efficient and enduring design.

OUR PROMISE

Your approval. We maximize client involvement, from design conception to the final stages of construction. We encourage clients to join our design team, reviewing and approving every major milestone of the architectural process.

