

Leisl Ashby, AIA, CCS, NCARB

Facilities Planner & Licensed Architect, Specializing in Long Range Planning, Capital Budgets and Facilities Management

Summary

PLAN is not a four letter word (ok it actually is, but it's not "that" type of four letter word)! Sacrificing a long-term vision over short-term distractions can significantly limit an organization's ability to provide for improvement. I see this everyday within the Facilities Management environment.

My background in Architecture working with public and non-profit clients provided valuable experience and I was mindful of making long-range decisions with my client's often limited funding. I found that I was skilled at navigating large committee based decision groups by helping them stay focused on their long-term facility goals within their budgetary boundaries whether a single building or a long range facilities plan.

I began specializing in the K-12 and Higher Education market sectors, a natural fit given I was surrounded by educators in my personal life as well. Knowing the challenges that teachers, administrators and support staff face, I was better able to translate their needs into their school system's building designs throughout planning, programming & construction. I also became keenly aware of their facility management maintenance & operation needs. Building materials and systems needed to last a very long time and often on a tight construction budget while maintaining a flexible learning environment.

I efficiently transitioned from the private sector of Architecture into the public sector of Facilities Planning & Management bringing with me project as well as comprehensive planning experience to skillfully assist with long range decisions even earlier in the process for the school system's entire portfolio. I now work with multiple entities at the local and state level developing and implementing the school system's long-range Capital Improvement Plan. More importantly, I am proud to be a part of creating exciting learning environments for the over 14,000 students who attend our public schools.

Experience

Facilities Planner at Queen Anne's County Public Schools

August 2014 - Present (1 month)

Long Range Planner and Construction Manager for a K-12 Public School System. Develops and maintains the Capital Improvement Program which includes the Educational Facilities Master Plan and 5 Year Capital Budget. Assists the Director with the oversight and planning of approximately 1.03 Million square feet of instruction and support space. Coordinates the design and construction of major capital improvement projects, both in-house and with consultants. Pre-Design efforts include development of Feasibility Studies and Educational Specifications. Coordinates comprehensive planning efforts with municipalities, local and state government as the school systems liaison.

Educational Facilities Planner at Wicomico County Board of Education

May 2007 - August 2014 (7 years 4 months)

Long Range Planner for a K-12 Public School System. Develops and maintains the Capital Improvement Program which includes the Educational Facilities Master Plan and 5 Year Capital Budget. Assists the Director with the oversight and planning of 2.3 Million square feet of instruction and support space worth approximately \$493 Million. Coordinates the design of construction projects, both in-house and with consultants. Pre-Design efforts include development of Facility Profiles, Feasibility Studies and Educational Specifications. Coordinates comprehensive planning efforts with municipalities, local and state government as the school systems liaison. Facilitates the Superintendent's Community Planning Task Force and other various planning committees.

1 recommendation available upon request

Associate at Becker Morgan Group

January 2000 - May 2007 (7 years 5 months)

Licensed Architect and Project Manager specializing in Educational & Non-Profit Market Sectors. Proficient in managing and reporting to committee centered clients who require multiple levels of reviews and approvals. Supervised small and large design teams starting with programming through construction contract close-out for projects up to 250,000 sq.ft.. Created individual technical specifications for projects with budgets up to \$79 million and headed the firm's transition from Master Format 95 to Master Format 04. Coordinated with multiple engineering and specialized systems consultants as well as various code and review agencies. Assisted with marketing proposal development, participated in design team interviews and conducted potential client meetings to discuss forthcoming projects.

2 recommendations available upon request

Graduate Architect at Design Atlantic Ltd

November 1996 - December 1999 (3 years 2 months)

Project Manager for several non-profit and commercial projects up to 60,000 sq.ft. Produced project designs and documents utilizing B.I.M.

Intern Architect at George, Miles & Buhr, LLC

May 1996 - November 1996 (7 months)

Project team member for several educational projects. Produced project designs and documents utilizing B.I.M.

Intern Architect at HSMM

May 1995 - April 1996 (1 year)

Participated on various projects with several different departments as needed including Architecture (design & production), Specifications, Engineering and Interior Design while earning my B.Arch.

Historic American Building Survey Technician at National Park Service

May 1994 - August 1994 (4 months)

Part of a team lead by John White to field verify and document three historic buildings within Harpers Ferry, WV

Skills & Expertise

Comprehensive Planning

Architecture

Architectural Design

Project Planning

BIM

Submittals

Feasibility Studies

Sustainable Architecture

Construction

Construction Drawings

Revit

Historic Preservation

Facilities Management

Sustainable Design

Construction Management

Site Planning

Green Building

Design Research

Interior Design

Adaptive Reuse

Space-planning

Program Evaluation

Community Development

Proposal Writing

Renovation

CAD

Space planning

Architectural Drawings

AutoCAD Architecture

Sustainability

Long Range Planning

Design Management

Public Architecture

Architectural Programming

Educational Programs

Mixed-use

Urban Planning

Capital Budgeting

Design Specifications

Private & Public Sectors

PowerPoint

Microsoft Excel

Facilities Planning

Educational Design

Construction Documents

Access Database

**Master Planning
Project Evaluation**

Certifications

Licensed Architect

State of Maryland

Certified Construction Specifier

The Construction Specifications Institute

NCARB Certification

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

Education

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

B.Arch, Architecture, 1991 - 1996

Activities and Societies: Phi Sigma Pi, American Institute of Architecture Students

Cornell University

Certificate of Completion, Summer College - Introduction to Architecture, 1990 - 1990

Interests

BIM, GIS, Long Range Planning, Technical Writing, Adaptive Re-use, Special Education Advocacy,
Photography, Cycling, Wine and Travel

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3 people have recommended Leisl

"Leisl is a consummate professional who excels at understanding her clients' needs and executing pragmatic solutions. I have seen first hand her work with school building projects, and she has produced high-quality, results-oriented solutions. It has been a pleasure working with her and I recommend her highly."

— **Matt D.**, *Board member, Wicomico County School Building Commission*, was with another company when working with Leisl at WCBOE

"I had the privilege of working with Leisl on the construction (2) two Senior Center Projects. One was a conversion of an existing school into a new facility and the other was construction from the ground up. I found her to be a consummate professional who goes the extra mile to follow-up on the details. Her team approach to resolving issues on the project was a refreshing change in today's construction environment."

— **Bernard C.**, *Vice President/Partner, Willow Construction, LLC*, worked with Leisl at Becker Morgan Group

"Leisl was a pleasure to work with, detail oriented, thorough and organized. She managed the sometimes hectic project load well and prioritized tasks in way to allow others to be productive. Leisl was a great communicator and an effective team leader."

— **Ernie O.**, *Vice-President, Becker Morgan Group*, managed Leisl at Becker Morgan Group

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