Architect Service Providers

Neighborhood Opportunity Fund (NOF) Applicants and Finalists who utilize one of the following DPD-approved Architect Service Providers may qualify for the Technical Assistance Fund (TAF), financial assistance for expenses associated with design, permitting, and comprehensive construction management support. These funds are provided in addition to the base grant. Learn more about the TAF in the NOF Program Manual.

Provider	Website	Contact
Aggregate Studio	aggregate-studio.com	(312) 620-2467
Berman Architecture	bermanarchitecture.com	(773) 454-6192
BHA pllc	bha.works	(773) 322-6424
Civic Projects Architecture	civic-projects.com	(312) 217-1570
Farr Associates Architecture & Urban Design	farrside.com	(312) 408-1661
Latent	latentdesign.net	(312) 344-1498
Silvestro Design Operations	silvestrolab.com	(917) 836-2804
Wyzendale	wyzendale.com	(312) 330-3311
Yu & Associates Collaborative	yuacollab.com	(773) 234-1866

Learn more about our Architect Service Providers below!

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Description

Aggregate Studio creates dignified architecture for all, making an impact where we live. We bring knowledge, tenacity, consensus-building, and optimism to every project. We speak to a project's community while looking to the future with a worldly, yet distinctly Midwestern mindset. Aggregate focuses on projects of many varieties and scales, specializing in affordable and multi-family housing, and community-based design. We strive to positively impact cities, housing, and residents through dignified architecture, utilizing our approach's four core tenets: connection, inclusivity, dialogue, and optimism. Let's make an impact together.

Services Provided

- Architecture
- Interior Design
- 3d Visualization

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Description

Berman Architecture is a Chicago Self-Certified and licensed architectural design firm based in Chicago, Illinois. Founded in May 2002 by Joel Berman, the firm has established itself as a leader in adaptive reuse, heritage preservation, hospitality, and restaurant and food production design. With a team of nine diverse design professionals, Berman Architecture brings a wealth of expertise to each project.

At Berman Architecture, collaboration and innovation drive the design process. The firm integrates hand-drawn sketches with digital tools, fostering a fluid and creative dialogue with clients, contractors, engineers, and consultants. By leveraging real-time 3D visualization—both in-person and through video calls—Berman Architecture delivers practical and well-crafted design solutions tailored to each project's unique vision.

Berman Architecture specializes in renovations and adaptive reuse, where precise documentation of existing building conditions is essential. To ensure accuracy and efficiency, the firm utilizes Matterport 3D building scanning technology, generating highly accurate 3D models.

Services Provided

- Architectural & Interior Design
- Adaptive Reuse & Heritage Preservation
- Branding & Graphic Design
- Matterport 3D Point Cloud Scanning & Documentation
- Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Parametric BIM & Photometric Building Scanning
- Chicago Matching Construction Fund Application Schematic Designs
- Chicago Self-Cert Permit Applications
- Technical Assistance for Grant Programs (NOF, SBIF, Foundation Programs like Steans Family Foundation, Community Development Grants)

Contact: Brandon Hall
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Description

BHA pllc is a Chicago based collaborative architectural practice focused on stewarding a supportive design process to provide the best outcome for our clients. We have experience in cultural, educational, residential, and restaurant/storefront projects. We enjoy working on a variety of scales and project types and look forward to finding the design opportunities within each project, crafting the right response within project constraints, and then working collaboratively with clients, contractors, and consultants to bring this vision to life. We work exclusively in 3D design software, giving our clients a chance to virtually walk through their project at all stages of the design process. We are equally skilled at working with existing buildings as new construction work. We are able to do projects using the City of Chicago Self Certified Permit program.

Services Provided

Architectural Design Services:
- Renovations and New Construction – Concept Design through Construction Administration
- Feasibility Studies
- Fast Track Projects

Permitting Support:
- Coordinating Required documents and submittals
- City of Chicago Self Cert Permits (eligible projects)
- Standard Permit Submissions

Contact: Monica Chadha
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Description

Civic Projects Architecture is a full-service, MBE/WBE-certified, architecture firm founded on the belief that every person and every community should have access to well-designed spaces. Through our work with clients, we have seen firsthand the positive impact that collaborative, well-designed, and community-centered spaces can have on the lives of individuals and communities. We believe we can work with our clients and communities to find the answers to any challenge.

Located on the southside of Chicago, our partnerships with local organizations already doing important work in affordable housing, youth development, and community organizing allow us to use our design expertise to support their missions and goals.

Our design expertise allows us to support our clients from start to finish on projects ranging from small-scale storefront renovations to ground-up new construction buildings. We are fully licensed in Illinois and Wisconsin and self-certified in the City of Chicago, allowing us to meet our clients' permitting needs more quickly and help guide the building process from crazy idea to opening day and beyond

Services Provided

Drawings:
- Architecture of any scale, renovation and/or new construction
- Existing Conditions Review
- Interior Design
- Kitchen/Cafe Design Assistance
- Renderings and construction documents
- Graphic/Logo Design

Technical/Permitting Support:
- Community Engagement Facilitation
- Chicago Self-Cert Permitting Process
- Grant Application Document assistance
- NOF, SBIF, CDG Technical Assistance

Construction Administration:
- Contractor Bid Facilitation & Evaluation
- Construction Review (Submittal & Pay Application Review, Punchwalking, etc.)

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Description

Farr Associates is a full-service architecture and urban design firm at the forefront of decarbonization and high-performance buildings, with expertise in sustainable urbanism and healthy spaces. We would be excited to partner with you on your potential project. We're into the dreamers, the doit-yourself-ers, the small business owners that want to make your life and the life of your community better. Our firm is full of small-town pride turned big-city and we'd love to support you as you bring something into the world that you are really passionate about.

We excel at sustainable architecture and have worked with folks across the Midwest on small- and large-scale projects, and with varied income levels, backgrounds, and skill levels. We've designed 1400+ affordable housing units, provided services for businesses and non-profits, and participate in the 1% Program to provide pro bono services.

Services Provided

- Architecture, new construction or rehabilitations, of any scale
- Small-scale Renovations or Repairs
- Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment Selection
- Interior Design
- Space Planning
- Energy Modeling
- Envelope Modernization
- Historic Preservation
- Healthy Materials Selection
- Renderings and technical drawings

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Description

Latent is an award-winning architecture and urban design firm founded in 2010 with a commitment to social and spatial justice. Our collaborative co-design process allows us to fully integrate all aspects of project into a comprehensive implementation strategy that maintains timeline, budget, and design excellence. Our diverse team is ideally suited to listen, analyze and define integrated building strategies that address accessibility, sustainability, and economic vitality. We support you to create spaces for people to tell their story to work, live, and thrive.

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Services Provided

Design Drawings including:
- Project Planning + Site Feasibility Studies
- Programming + Test Fits
- Schematic Design + Renderings
- Architectural Design
- Interior Design

Permitting Support including:
- Coordination of Permit Application Documents + Submission
- Self-Certified Permit Submission for Applicable Projects

Project Management including:
- Bid Evaluation
- Contractor Selection Support

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Description

Silvestro Design Operations is a research-driven architecture, interiors, and landscape design office founded in the winter of 2016. Focusing on residential, institutional, commercial, and mixed-use buildings; SDO aims to engage in projects of intrinsic value. Employing a thorough and iterative process, SDO thrives on the challenges inherent in architecture and construction and creates solutions that are integral, sustainable, and beautiful.

SDO is licensed and registered to practice architecture in the states of Illinois, Michigan, and New York, and currently practices out of the Bronzeville neighborhood in Chicago.

SDO is excited to continue providing architectural services to our Chicago community.

Services Provided

- Carefully selected interior finishes
- Overall site planning
- Three dimensional building massing studies for new construction

SDO prefers to provide contract administration services throughout the construction phases to ensure that project schedules, budget, and proper management are persistently considered.

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Description

Built on a diverse foundation, **Wyzendale** is a Chicago-based full-service collaborative design practice dedicated to delivering our clients' complete story, starting from the core. Wyzendale delivers services that shape how a story is built, how a story is experienced, and how a story is perceived. Follow along to stay informed on company news and our recent architecture, design, and marketing work.

Services Provided

Explore Wyzendale's services at wyzendale.com

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Description

Yu & Associates Collaborative is a full-service, award-winning architectural and interior studio with a deep appreciation for honest and practical design. We specialize in commercial, cultural, and civic projects.

As a boutique-sized studio, we are fully committed to providing professional services with an "A-team" attitude along with expertise backed by a team of partners with "large-firm" and "big project" experience. We firmly believe that well-crafted designs that perform well have the power to uplift the spirit of individuals and communities.

With like-minded individuals, Yu & Associates Collaborative has curated an energetic, engaging office culture that promotes dialogue, trust, and collaboration. Through a collaborative process, our team studies the project goals, asks the right questions, and works creatively to find solutions for our clients. We aim to execute at the highest level of design excellence to capture the spirit of each project, regardless of size.

We are a minority-owned business (MBE) and self-certified with the City of Chicago.

Services Provided

Planning + Design
- Project planning / Site selection
- Feasibility studies / Programming & test fits
- Full-service architectural design
- Interior design / Tenant build-outs

Construction Documents + Permitting
- Construction drawings
- Permit submission & coordination
- Self-cert for applicable projects
- Express permits

We partner with Project Managers