

Urban Designer (On-Call)

About Us

Sojourner Consulting is a mission-driven, planning and policy consultancy with a focus on equitable development planning and immigrant, refugee, and English Language Learner Communities. We are a fully remote firm, with team members and clients in the Philadelphia region and nationally. For more information about the company, please visit sojournerconsulting.co.

Position Overview

Sojourner is seeking talented urban designers to join our roster of on-call professionals. As a contract-based urban designer, you will play a crucial role in developing comprehensive plans and bringing our neighborhood projects to life through compelling visual representations. The ideal candidate will have advanced software proficiency and previous work experience using GIS and built environment rendering software delivering high-quality materials and graphics for plans and reports.

Key Responsibilities

- Prepare high-quality visual presentations, including 2D and 3D renderings, diagrams, and maps, to be embedded in reports and slidedecks
- For large-scale planning efforts, prepare conceptual designs, design criteria, and guidelines
- Conduct site analysis and research to inform design decisions
- Collaborate remotely with project team members, including planners, researchers, and other stakeholders

Qualifications

- Advanced proficiency in mapping software (e.g., ArcGIS, QGIS)
- Advanced proficiency in 2D & 3D modeling and rendering software (e.g., SketchUp, Rhino, 3ds Max, V-Ray)
- Proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite
- Strong portfolio demonstrating urban design and visualization skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Demonstrated reliability and responsiveness in meeting project deadlines and client needs
- Experience with neighborhood-scale planning projects preferred
- Knowledge of zoning regulations and land use policies

Project-Based Engagement

- Work on an as-needed, fully remote basis for specific projects

- Location in the Philadelphia region is preferred but not required
- Project-based compensation

Portfolio Requirements

- Please submit a portfolio (PDF format, max 20 MB) that includes:
- 3-5 examples of comprehensive urban design plans or neighborhood-scale projects you've contributed to
- At least 2 samples of GIS-based maps or spatial analysis
- 2-3 examples of 3D visualizations or renderings of urban environments
- 1-2 samples of technical reports or design guidelines you've contributed to
- Brief (1-2 line) descriptions for each project outlining your role, and any key challenges and outcomes

To apply, send your portfolio and resume to vanessa@sojournerconsulting.co with "Urban Designer" in the subject line.