

Job Position: Project Architect/ Urban Designer Central Houston, Inc.

Since 1983, Central Houston, Inc. has been the steward of Houston's vision for the redevelopment and revitalization of downtown. Central Houston, Inc. and its affiliated organizations: Central Houston Civic Improvement, Inc., the Houston Downtown Management District and the Downtown Redevelopment Authority have contributed to the momentum of this exciting revitalization by enhancing collaboration among public officials, developers and businesses, facilitating many of the public and private projects that have transformed downtown over the past 30 years.

PROJECT: After many years of study, extensive public engagement and evaluation of a number of potential alternatives, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has developed its preferred alternative for the North Houston Highway Improvement Plan (NHHIP). The NHHIP project, expected to be completed over the next decade and at an approximate cost of \$7 billion, will radically transform the freeway connections surrounding downtown. The outcomes from the NHHIP project will become the first impression for the City of Houston for the next 100 years.

A framework for responsible decisions related to the civic opportunities associated with the NHHIP project has been created through the Mayor's Office and Steering Committee of civic volunteers. Central Houston Civic Improvement will serve as the coordinating agency to supplement the resources of the city and play an integral role with TxDOT to advance the overall quality of design for the highway project.

DESCRIPTION: The organization seeks an experienced Architect/ Urban Designer with a background in architecture, urban design, landscape architecture and project management for Central Houston Civic Improvement, Inc. This position will be dedicated to the TxDOT NHHIP project and the civic opportunities to be constructed in coordination with the highway project. This full-time position reports to the Director of Planning & Urban Design.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Acts as a liaison between TxDOT and a broad group of stakeholders to facilitate quality aesthetic and environmental design of the highway project.
- Able to bring design excellence and offer suggestions to elevate the quality of the highway project within the established budget.
- Works with in-house staff and external consulting team to create schematic concept designs for separate civic opportunities for streets, sidewalks, structures, parks, trails, detention basins, bridges and other public amenities to be independently funded but constructed by others in coordination with the highway project.
- Able to bring parties together to envision solutions to complex issues and bridge diverse points of view.
- Acts to provide quality control to make sure the stakeholders' collective vision translates to the TxDOT design drawings throughout the design-build process.
- Participates in the stakeholder engagement process to develop the civic opportunities and amenity package associated with the highway project.
- Responsible for regular updates to the Mayor's Steering Committee on project progress.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Professional Degree in Architecture, Urban Design, or Landscape Architecture.
- At least 10 years of experience in urban design, architecture, landscape architecture and project management.
- Outstanding leadership and communication skills.
- Prior experience in working with TxDOT and large scale infrastructure projects strongly preferred.
- Must be highly organized, detail oriented and able to read/ analyze design and construction documents.
- Must exhibit a professional manner and demeanor in interactions with co-workers, board members, government officials, partner agencies and the general public.
- Strong familiarity with the greater Houston area and downtown a plus.

Central Houston, Inc. is the primary provider of personnel to Central Houston Civic Improvement, Inc. and is an equal opportunity employer, encouraging applicants from a diversity of backgrounds. More information on both entities and downtown can be found at the following websites: centralhouston.org and downtownhouston.org

Salary is dependent upon experience. Full benefits including a 401K plan are offered. Interviews are by appointment only. No telephone calls, please. To apply for this position, email resume and a cover letter to: Jackie Traywick, Chief Operating Officer, at jstraywick@centralhouston.org.