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Community Design Center

We are an integral part of our local community. Our mission and history outline how we contribute to the spaces and places we live in. Additionally 92% percent of our staff resides within the city limits of Seattle. 100% of our Senior Staff resides within the city limits of Seattle and 96% of our staff resides within 50 miles of our local community. In addition, our volunteer board of directors represents parts of the local Seattle community. 73% of the board resides within the city limits with approximately ½ residing on south Seattle and ½ residing on north and west Seattle.

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**Environmental Works Mission:**

Environmental Works Community Design Center is a 501(c)3 community-based nonprofit providing professional architecture, landscape architecture, and planning services to nonprofit organizations, municipal agencies and under-represented communities in Washington State. Since our founding in 1970, we have provided feasibility/predevelopment studies and complete architectural services for human services agencies, community facilities, affordable housing providers, and public art projects

Working in both the public and private sectors, the staff of Environmental Works understand the need for community involvement, the impacts of having multiple funding sources, and ways of working effectively with pre-established budgets.

Environmental Works is committed to the effective use of capital funds in creating sustainable communities. We pride ourselves on providing quality architecture within this challenging framework and working to see that the ultimate social purpose of the building is well-served in each architectural design. In addition, Environmental Works has a long-standing commitment to socially and environmentally sustainable design. As a result of our ongoing Sustaining Affordable Communities grant-funded initiative, we have developed a number of successful strategies for designing ecologically thoughtful and affordable buildings. These strategies are based on three core issues – conserving resources, promoting local economies (human, material and natural) and the careful adaptation of a building to both the natural and cultural conditions of the site.

Our office is organized in three studios - housing, community facilities and special projects. Each studio is headed by an experienced architect who have been with our organization for more than twenty years each. Bill Singer is our Housing Studio lead, Sally Knodell is our

Community Facilities lead, and Dan Baldner leads our Special Projects studio. Mike Mackie is our quality control lead and building envelope expert and moves between all of the studios advising on key parts of projects. We work in teams within the office with more experienced staff architects heading up the teams and working closely with support staff and consultants. Our goal is to provide consistent project representation during the entire project. There is continuity of staffing throughout the project with back up provided within the firm when needed.