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PROFILES



CPO supports the University's Business Diversity Program thru outreach to MBE, WBE, small and new A/E firms. "PROFILES" will feature one such firm that seems particularly well suited for work here. A/E Firms featured in "PROFILES" have expressed a strong interest in working on our projects. Feel free to contact these firms directly or contact Doug Jennings for more information.

This month's featured firm is:



studio19 architects

On my visit to Studio19's office, I met with Hui Tian (Principal) and Che Fortaleza (Project Manager) at their Pioneer Square office. The office is in a fashionable studio space with high ceilings, lots of natural light and the brick and heavy timber look that architects love.

Studio 19 opened in 2009. They currently have a staff of 12 – 4 are registered architects and 8 are architects in training. By dividing up the office administrative duties among the staff, they avoid costly support staff and feel it helps the professional staff learn about all aspects of an architectural practice.

The staff is very diverse. There are staff members from China, Philippines, Korea, Canada, and several USA locations including Washington, Boston, Florida, Colorado, and Tennessee. The staff has the capability of speaking 7 different languages. Both Hui and Che feel that this diversity gives their office a unique and valuable perspective on design.

Their design experience includes housing, restaurants, commercial; schools, tenant improvement projects, and many small remodel projects of various types (in previous experience with NBBJ and Mahlum, Hui did many health care projects - including Harborview projects - plus retail and office projects). Currently they are doing several large housing projects near UW: a 105 apartment mixed use complex at 50th and University Way; a 70 unit mixed use apartment at 54th and University Way; and a 23 unit student housing project at 7th Ave near 45th Street plus several other housing projects throughout the region. Typically, they also provide interior design services for their building design projects. Four members of their staff are LEED A.P. and two of their housing projects are on track for LEED Silver.

Several of their smaller projects include: two pre-school Tenant Improvements; two karaoke bar/restaurants; a foot massage studio; and a drycleaner renovation. These projects ranged in cost from \$10K to \$200K – both Hui and Che feel that every project, regardless of size, is a unique challenge so they love doing the small projects right alongside the larger housing projects. They have also designed several houses and several major house renovations and have been published in "Best Residences in America".

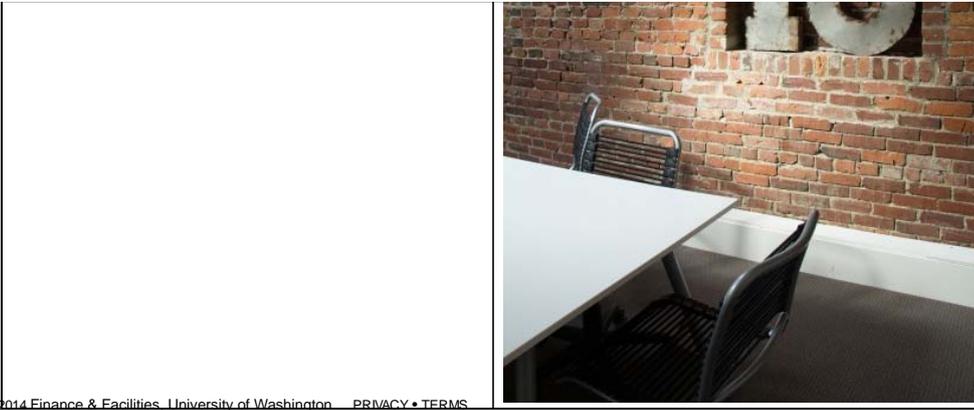
Studio 19's design philosophy, as the name implies, is the Studio concept. The architect assigned to a project does it all from design thru construction administration so the client has continuity of service and personal attention by the team leader.

Studio 19 would love to do a project for CPO. Although they are not currently doing public agency work, they have plenty of public sector experience from previous employers and want to find a way for Studio 19 get in to public works. Additionally, they are certified Minority/Woman Business Enterprise (MWBE) so they can help us in meeting our diversity goals.

For more information, see their qualifications in the DES A/E Reference File, visit their website at: www.studio19architects.com or contact Hui Tian at (htian@studio19architects.com) (206) 209-2207.



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