



Homes and Community Renewal

Job Opportunities at New York State Homes and Community Renewal

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SENIOR ARCHITECT

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) fosters the creation and preservation of high quality affordable housing, while working strategically to revitalize neighborhoods and communities throughout the Empire State. Under the leadership of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas, **HCR** is a vibrant, innovative agency that integrates and leverages New York State's housing resources. We have offices in New York City, Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse, and employ a diverse workforce of professionals who are hard-working and committed to serving low and moderate income families. Our mission is far reaching, encompassing single and multifamily housing finance, home improvement, rent regulation, housing subsidies, and community development. We partner regularly with a variety of public and private stakeholders.

Achieving this mission requires a wide range of skills and backgrounds in public policy, administration, real estate, architecture, finance, law and many other areas of expertise. We seek to provide a workplace environment that is productive, flexible, accountable, ethical and caring. Our employees are empowered to make a difference where they live and work. We offer competitive pay and a comprehensive benefits package, including paid leave, health, dental, vision, retirement and family-friendly policies.

The Office of Housing Preservation manages HCR programs that maintain and enhance the state's portfolio of existing affordable housing. We enforce the Rent Laws in New York City for over 900,000 housing units, while providing federal and state rental assistance to assist more than 45,000 families across the state. We also monitor 130,000 low income housing units financed with federal and state resources, and provide grant funding to help homeowners and tenants save energy.

The Senior Architect position is responsible to oversee the design, construction and preservation of projects funded and regulated by the Agency. From initial contact on a proposed project to completed construction, Senior Architects are tasked with following procedures to positively affect the cost and operation of projects funded by the Agency. These include site selection, appropriate project size, building massing, material selection, construction techniques, system selection (i.e., structural frame, heating and ventilating), appropriate amenities for the intended residents, etc. Senior Architects are tasked with carrying out procedures that ensure that quality, affordable housing is provided for residents of projects funded by the Agency.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Providing technical assistance to potential applicants seeking funding, to help improve a project's viability and cost effectiveness.
- Reviewing the technical design and construction aspects of applications submitted for funding.
- Reviewing construction documents of projects selected for funding.



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- Providing oversight during construction to ensure that all design and construction requirements are met, which includes verifying the validity of construction cost expenditures.
- Granting final approval to occupy completed housing projects.
- Providing technical oversight of completed projects during the multi-year regulatory period.
- The ability to travel primarily by automobile throughout New York State.

In performing these duties, Senior Architects are tasked to ensure compliance with various concerns and requirements, including:

- Life safety/building code requirements.
- Life safety/accessibility features meeting applicable regulations and the specific needs of residents with disabilities.
- Life safety concerns for properly removing hazardous materials, such as lead paint, asbestos, and mold.
- Agency design standards, which have been written in conjunction with Agency regulatory agreements.
- Special initiatives related to the project design, such as heightened energy efficiency or green building standards.
- That projects are built efficiently and economically.
- That quality design and construction techniques are utilized.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Candidate must be a Registered Architect licensed to practice in New York State and demonstrate knowledge and experience in building design and construction projects.
- Familiarity with residential codes and standards is preferred, but not a requirement.

This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive and employee will be expected to perform other reasonably related duties as assigned.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- Extensive benefits package including paid leave, excellent health, dental, vision and retirement benefits;
- Promotional opportunities for dedicated professionals.

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