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architecture humanity and awareness

Aha! is an architecture and design counseling company. It has two missions; one is to give individuals, organizations and civic leaders easy access to professional design assistance, guide them through the normally complex design process to realize their vision, and to enable the coexistence of low construction costs with design that is extremely responsive to human needs.

The second mission is to work in congruence with our neighborhoods, local cultures and our natural world. We provide assistance in helping to solve the endemic problems that are twisted through our built environment; the ones that serve to alienate us from our communities and our natural world. Just as we broker solutions between the typical team members in any development, so too do we lend a hand in negotiating this congruent way of inhabiting our natural and man-made worlds.

Typical design and development services include:

- *Development services; private provider plan review and construction inspections; master planning; feasibility analysis; appeals and zoning analysis; zone map amendments and comprehensive plan amendments; land divisions; site evaluations; existing condition surveys; comparative design studies and computer modeling; permit applications; full spectrum of design - new developments through adaptive re-use of old buildings; conceptual design sketches; construction cost estimates; pre-purchase "design potential" inspections; property inventories; post occupancy evaluations; ADA compliance audits and lease negotiation assistance; color consulting; and interior design.*
- *Residential design (new single and multi-family homes, renovations, adaptive re-use) in the U.S. since 1977. Commercial and public design in the US, New Zealand, Australia, West Africa, Thailand and other Pacific rim countries since 1983. Commercial projects include Multi-family; Hospitality (resorts, urban hotels and retreats); Health Care (medical and dental office buildings, hospitals, elder-care); Public Safety (911, community policing centers); Community and Government (libraries, city halls); Offices, Retail, Restaurant, Music (recording studios), and Business Aviation. Local public and commercial clients have included: Non-Governmental Agencies; City Bureaus; Public School Districts; City and County Administrations; Federal Bureaus (BLM, FWS, National Parks); and, Port Districts.*

Co-founding Partner / VP, CaRPE
(Columbia River Port Engineers)

Columbia River Port Engineers, Inc., a design consortium, was created to address the special needs of Port Districts. Port Districts stimulate economic development by leveraging their special assets; namely location, land development, industrial use, transportation, and infrastructure. As a result, their needs cross the boundaries of traditional design and engineering disciplines. Columbia River Port Engineers, Inc. (CaRPE) was assembled to meet this unique set of requirements and focus on providing cross discipline architectural and engineering services to Port Districts in the PNW and the Gulf Coast/Caribbean.

Community Design and Enablement

Sometimes people do not need formal design services. What is often needed is community mobilization, the development of design guidelines and realistic rules of thumb. Past work includes projects in the communities of:

- *LaPintana; a squatter settlement relocation in Santiago, Chile.*
- *Tepito; reconstruction guidelines after the 1985 earthquake in Mexico City.*
- *Ko-Falen: a cultural center in Bamako, Mali*

Registered
Architect
Florida
Oregon
Washington
Hawaii
NCARB (National)

Education
Master of Architecture
Massachusetts Institute
of Technology
Bachelor of Design
University of Florida

Awards and
Publications

**1996 Governor's Livability
Award**
for the Walnut Park Community
Policing and Retail Center.

First Prize
Open House International Design
Competition "Housing
Futures - People & Place"
Viva Tepito!. Published
Vol. 13 No 3 1988 of "Open
House International"

Design Exhibition
Saluzzo Square Redesign,
1989, Saluzzo Italy.

Published
The Emergence of Community
in "Housing Without Houses",
by Nabeel Hamdi, Van Nostrand
Reinhold.

"Bamako to Timbuktu ~ and back
again" a Journey through the heart of
Mali two weeks before the coup.
Scheduled for Publication;
Summer 2023

"The New St Petersburg Pier" a look
at the process, design and economics
of the best solution that did not win.
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