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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Growth and client-focused leader with successful 20+ year career in the design of learning environments. Strengths include an ability to infuse strategic, big picture thinking in the service of both clients' mission and vision, and firm and team goals. As a leader, Lisa is a catalyst and spark in facilitating and engaging stakeholders and in partnering with colleagues, consultants, and partners to deliver projects on time, on-budget, while providing maximum value.

SKILLS

- Design oriented client leader
- Team Leadership
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Integrated Design Leadership
- Project Management
- Contract Negotiation
- Experienced in multiple delivery methods
- Sustainability
- Big-picture thinker
- Recognized industry leader

WORK HISTORY

10/2012 to 05/2023 **Northwest Region K-12 Sector Leader**

DLR Group – Seattle, WA

- Led DLR Group's K-12 Pacific Northwest practice, including work in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and Hawaii.
- Grew practice from \$3 million in new fees to consistent \$10 million to \$20 million in new fees.
- Oversight of the design of projects valued at approximately \$190 million construction cost (\$250 million total project cost), annually.
- Served as coach, mentor, and colleague to collaborative leadership team of six principals, leading integrated design team of 25-50 architectural, interior design, and engineering professionals.
- Established team priorities, maintained schedules, and monitored performance.
- Served as principal in charge/ client leader for over two dozen projects and planning studies.
- Led external client strategy/performance management initiatives as part of planning and design, including pro-bono Covid school reopening planning for Seattle Public Schools
- Notable achievements include sixty awards over the last 10 years, including client

leadership of projects of note such as Pathfinder Kindergarten Center and Camas Discovery HS.

- Defined clear targets and objectives and communicated to other team members.
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written.

09/2003 to 05/2023 **Principal/ Client Leader**

DLR Group – Seattle, WA

- Served as project executive leading projects from start to finish, achieving client's vision, goals, and objectives while delivering project on-time, and on -budget.
- Led projects of various scopes and sizes, from small works projects \$1M Construction Cost and below, to projects of scale ranging from \$50M construct cost and above
- Served as Owner's Representative and criteria consultant for the City of Tacoma for the Design/Build renovation of Cheney Stadium
- Monitored metrics and developed actionable insights to improve efficiency and performance.
- Created client and institution specific support strategies within team to better support clients' mission and vision.
- Provided big-picture perspective and collaborative coaching and mentorship to fully integrated design team.
- Developed and maintained relationships with community and industry organizations and agencies.
- As national project management leader leveraged skills and expertise to launch DLR Group's first annual offsite "DLRU" as PM training/leadership and engagement retreat.

10/2006 to 10/2012 **Higher Education Leader**

DLR Group – Seattle, WA

- Led and grew DLR Group's higher education practice in Washington, building upon portfolio acquired from local firm and providing enhanced design expertise from DLR Group's national offerings.
- Served as principal in charge/ client leader on over dozen higher education projects.
- Led external client strategy/performance management initiatives as part of planning and design.
- Established team priorities, maintained schedules, and monitored performance.
- Strategized and facilitated visioning and discovery processes for institutional clients, including Student Services Discovery Processes for Bellevue College, Umpqua Community College
- Notable achievements include leadership in achieving sustainable goals on projects such as LEED Gold renovation of College Activities Building (CAB) at the Evergreen State College, and achievement of first LEED silver project, Meadowdale Hall Renovation, for Edmonds Community College

- Maintained positive client relations by addressing problems head-on and implementing successful corrective actions.
- Defined clear targets and objectives and communicated to other team members.
- Proven ability to learn quickly and adapt to new situations.
- Adaptable and proficient in learning new concepts quickly and efficiently.

01/1997 to 10/2003 **Architect/ Project Manager**

DLR Group – Seattle, WA

Served as architect/project manager on various projects and project types, leading clients, and teams through all design phases from predesign through to post-completion

EDUCATION

05/1992

Bachelor of Architecture: Architecture
Carnegie Mellon University - Pittsburgh, PA

AFFILIATIONS

American Institute of Architects, Society of College and University Planning, Association for Learning Environments, Leadership Snohomish County

CERTIFICATIONS

- Fellow - American Institute of Architects
- Licensed Architect: WA, OR, ID, MT, HI
- NCARB Certified
- LEED Accredited Professional
- Associate DBIA