

Landscape Designer – Landscape Architect (entry level to 5 years of experience)



MSA, P.C. is a professional service consulting firm located in Virginia Beach, VA. We are a Veteran-Owned Small Business employing about 50 experts in land planning, landscape architecture, civil engineering, land surveying, and environmental sciences. At MSA, employees work in an environment that offers great potential for personal growth because they can collaborate across disciplines versus being funneled into one particular area of design. Our clients include government agencies at the local, state and federal level, as well as land owners, land developers, business owners and business entities ranging from local businesses to nationally recognized corporations.

Our team has an opening for a Landscape Designer – Landscape Architect with 0-5 years of experience. We desire candidates who have a background or formal education in land development, horticulture, or related fields of study.

The successful candidate who shows initiative and the ability to learn quickly will receive increasingly complex assignments.

Qualifications:

- Accredited Bachelor Degree in Landscape Architecture and/or Horticulture (required)
- Licensure as a Landscape Architect (desirable, depending on years of experience)
- Experience preparing landscape construction documents and specifications (desired)
- Experience serving government clients, developers, non-profit organizations, etc. (desired)
- Basic knowledge of planting design and plant communities, both new and restoration (required)
- Proficiency with standard business computer software applications used for landscape design to include Autodesk Civil 3D, Sketch Up Pro, Google Earth Pro, Adobe Creative Suite, MS Word, Excel, Power Point, and PDF (required)
- Ability to show a portfolio of work that illustrates graphic and written presentation skills, supplemented with use of software described above (desired)
- Ability to pass a criminal background investigation and obtain contractor level clearance for access to federal government facilities (required)
- Authorization to work in the United States (required)
- Possession of valid driver's license (required)

Core Duties:

- Research and interpretation of landscape ordinances and other governing regulations applicable to landscape design assignments
- As a member of a design team, prepare and assemble conceptual plans and presentation graphics that illustrate and “sell” ideas and concepts to others
- Prepare and assemble landscape construction documents and specifications to meet requirements and regulations of the agency having jurisdiction over the project location
- Plant identification and preparation of planting plans
- Advanced level use of Autodesk Civil 3D, Sketch Up Pro, Google Earth Pro, Adobe Creative Suite, MS Word, Excel, Power Point, and PDF software
- Participation in meetings with Principals, Project Managers, public agency staff, clients, land owners, community association representatives, and other stakeholders

Competencies:

Adaptability - Maintaining effectiveness when experiencing changes in work responsibilities

Building Relationships - Using appropriate interpersonal styles to establish effective relationships with customers and internal partners, interacting with others in a way that gives them confidence

Collaborating - Working cooperatively with others to help a team achieve its goals on time

Communication – Written and oral language skills, as well as use of computer-aided drawing and sketching abilities to convey information and ideas clearly and concisely in a manner that allows others to understand and retain the message

Initiating Action - Taking prompt action to accomplish work goals by following instructions, exercising good judgment in decision making, and going above requirements to anticipate next steps

Working Conditions:

This position operates in a professional office environment but requires local commuting by automobile to complete some assignments and may also require visits to undeveloped properties in remote locations. Some overnight travel to locations in the Mid-Atlantic states is occasionally required.

Physical Demands:

This position requires the ability to spend long hours sitting or standing while using office equipment and computers. It requires the ability to perform repetitive tasks, such as typing and keyboarding, as well as occasional lifting, pushing/pulling, and carrying up to 25 lbs. of supplies and materials.

How to Apply:

Qualified persons should send a cover letter and resume to Nathan.lahy@msaonline.com and visit www.msaonline.com for information about our company. MSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Minorities/Females/Veterans/Disabled. Drug-free workplace. E-Verify participant.