

Karen A.D. Burton

PARTNER
A/E COLLABORATIVE, LLC



Professional Experience

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - SPACELAB DETROIT
Detroit, MI | 2016 - present

- Direct the corporate vision of fostering a collaborative community of professionals and firms who enhance the built environment.
- Oversee process development and quality control throughout the company, establishing goals for each department.
- Hire and direct architecture and construction consultants for design and build-out projects and lead facilities management efforts.
- Lead sales efforts, driving financial results.

MARKETING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
SDG ASSOCIATES, LLC ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS
DETROIT, MI | 2013 - 2015

Developed brand awareness, cultivated relationships with previous, prospective and existing clients, and generated and pursued new business opportunities for the architecture firm. Directed website design and developed and updated content. Maintained a consistent image for the company by developing brochures and targeted, market-specific project booklets, client presentations, proposals, and staff resumes.

ADJUNCT FACULTY, ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION
MICHIGAN PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLEGES | 2005 - 2012

At Henry Ford College (Dearborn), Oakland Community College and Baker College (both in Auburn Hills), instructed students in architecture, interior design, mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) systems, lighting and interior design for both residential and small commercial structures. Also, taught computer-aided drafting using AutoCAD and REVIT software. Evaluated student performance according to each institution's grading guidelines.

PRESIDENT, ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER & CONSULTANT
BUILDING INDUSTRY RESOURCES, LLC

DETROIT, MI | 1998 - 2011

Partial project list:

- Gardenvue Estates (Detroit): Construction administration for Phase I of housing community by the Detroit Housing Commission (with Hamilton Anderson Associates Architects)
- The Whittier Senior Living Facility (Detroit): Design and construction documentation for historic 120-unit high-rise (with Quinn Evans Architects)
- Armory ArtsWalk Lofts (Jackson): Historically sensitive design and documentation for renovation of Michigan's first prison to a \$12.3 million, 62-unit residential loft apartment building and artists' village (with Quinn Evans Architects)
- U of D Manor (Detroit): Building survey, record drawings, design and construction documents for renovation of a 28-unit condominium building.

Career Summary

Karen has contributed her architectural technical expertise to the design teams for large-scale architectural projects in Michigan and Las Vegas, NV. She has provided design and construction documentation for such projects as the One Campus Martius building (formerly Compuware Headquarters), The Lions Training Facility, Ford Field, Greektown Casino, and City Center in Las Vegas - the U.S.' largest private development at that time.

Karen advocates for inclusion and diversity in design, construction and real estate through SpaceLab Detroit, the collaborative work space she co-founded, and through professional association affiliations and volunteer activity.

Education

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program

Coursework toward Master of Business Administration - Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Bachelor of Science Architecture - University of Michigan

Professional Affiliations

- Consult with clients on business strategy, project leads, communication opportunities.
- National Association of Black Women in Construction - Detroit, charter member
- National Association of Minority Architects - Detroit, charter member
- Urban Land Institute Michigan, program committee
- National Association of Women in Construction - Detroit, board member 2014 - 2019

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