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ARCHITECTURE

A DYNAMIC PERSPECTIVE SINCE 1978.

By dynamic, we mean versatile and adaptable. As architects, we work hard to understand the unique demands of each client's project and respond with a comprehensive and innovative design solution. At KSA, we build on our decades of experience while maintaining a fresh, dynamic perspective. Our design process is centrally focused on blending complex technical requirements with creative ideas. We are interested in learning about our clients and providing spaces that are engaging, actionable and multifaceted.

THE BIG PICTURE

With every design, we aim to be thoughtful, secure, sustainable and collaborative using cost-effective materials and techniques. To accomplish all this, project coordination is key. We coordinate seamlessly with all the involved disciplines to make sure the project comes together in a cohesive set of plans. We have a reputation for keeping our clients happy and our projects under-budget.

SUSTAINABILITY

In addition to having LEED capabilities, we employ a holistic design approach to everything we do. Sustainability doesn't always have to come in the form of expensive materials; often, it can be woven into simple design choices like exploiting natural energy sources and careful site orientation. At KSA, we find unorthodox and often inexpensive ways to create spaces that will benefit our clients and our environment.

LIFE-CYCLE COST ANALYSIS

Thoughtful, strategic design choices and material selection can save money long-term. We perform life-cycle cost analysis that help our clients determine how long their facilities will last and which materials ultimately offer the greatest benefit. When corridors in schools, for example, are wider than the standard, they last longer. Of course this costs more, but giving students ample room to pass between classrooms will minimize the incidents of collision and overall wear and tear.

ABOUT KSA

We don't just provide exemplary architectural services; we provide a broad range of engineering, planning, surveying and construction management services as well. Founded in 1978, KSA has grown into a multi-office firm with clients across the country in many different industries.

ON THE COVER: ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER, CAMP MINDEN, LA



GUARANTY BANK & TRUST, LONGVIEW, TX

School

Educational facilities have their own set of standards. Aside from the buildings being designed within budget and on schedule, what's most important is whether or not the design provides a quality learning environment for teachers and students. At KSA, we work to design physical conditions that make collaboration and education easy.

THOUGHTFUL DESIGN

For example, acoustic walls keep classrooms quiet and help to prevent neighboring classrooms from disrupting each other. Controlling natural light using solar positioning and exterior devices can improve the technological functionality of digital audio/visual projectors and overall sight in the classroom. Instead of letting the chips fall where they may, we carefully consider these types of things while we design and craft spaces that are ideal places to teach, learn and develop.

SAFE AND SOUND

Developing minds are one of the earth's most precious commodities. Keeping students safe is an area of growing concern in school systems across America and abroad. We have mastered the fine art of designing safe learning environments that limit access points, without feeling restrictive.



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER, SHREVEPORT, LA

Community

Municipal buildings like fire and police stations, courthouses, community centers, city halls, libraries and airports belong to the community. We work hard to make sure the buildings we design easily entwine into the fabric of the communities we serve. More often than not, municipal buildings are funded by tax dollars; because that money is so precious, we help our clients determine the best course of action, minimizing their financial risk. We accomplish this using programming and feasibility studies. This early work helps our clients establish a budget and flesh-out details like square footage and the number of parking spaces. We also provide schematic designs to help our clients visualize the plan and sell the design concept to decision-makers.

FUNDING

We have helped our clients find money. Let's face it: available funding often dictates between what could be, and what is. This is especially true with municipal projects. Community leaders are often limited because of a lack of funding. We are aware of these issues and have a solution. At KSA, we make it our duty to help our clients find sources of funding so they can pursue much needed projects, in some cases, at no local cost.

First, we work with our clients to identify what work is needed. Then, we help them package their needs to present to state and federal agencies for financial assistance programs like grants, loans and bonds. We work directly with grant consultants, municipal financial advisors and leaders to secure the funds to create or improve the structures that serve their communities.

SECURITY

Municipal buildings like courthouses, police stations and jails require an extra measure of security. Judges, for example, must have private and secure access in and around the courthouse and parking area. These facilities must utilize safe technologies like metal detectors and turnstiles to protect its inhabitants and ensure safe entrance and exit. Our designs strike a delicate balance between security and style.



BOSSIER PARISH COURTHOUSE, BENTON, LA

Design-Build

In many ways, design-build is a simpler, more economical way to complete a project. The collaborative nature of this project delivery method gives us the opportunity to work closely with the contractor to consider constructability matters and adjust our designs to match the budget. This influence usually lowers the overall construction cost and makes the project easier to build.

ONE PROJECT UNDER ONE ROOF

Our experience with the design-build delivery method allows us to simplify our clients' workload by combining architects, engineers and other professionals under one agreement – with one contract – to complete a project seamlessly.

GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOOD CONTRACTORS

As it is with most things, you get what you pay for. When we enter a design-build scenario, we aren't looking for the lowest bidder. We team with a trusted contractor we are certain can provide quality work. We have developed solid relationships with many contractors over the years. We call on each other regularly to produce projects that are synergistic, on-time and under-budget.

PROOF POSITIVE

We have a proven track-record of successful design-build projects. The \$32M joint forces headquarters in Pineville, Louisiana is one shining example. In addition to our military work, we have successfully completed design-build projects for financial institutions, corporations, municipalities and entertainment entities. This experience has helped us cultivate relationships with capable contractors and fine-tune our ability to respond quickly and meet deadlines.

KSA, SHREVEPORT, LA

Development

We are the link between space and opportunity. We aren't just another design firm. We want to be your partners in economic and retail development. Way before we sink our teeth into a design, we can be the link between the local government and economic growth. We have the connections and technical skills to guide you through the entire developmental process.

WE KNOW PEOPLE

We consider it our job to know about developmental opportunities. This knowledge is cultivated through nurtured relationships with industrial and commercial tenants, retailers and real estate developers. We are the link between space and opportunity, fostering mutually beneficial relationships that ultimately expand and improve communities. This can help you identify gaps in the market, find land to develop and tenants to occupy vacant buildings.

SITE SELECTION AND VISUALIZATION

Our qualified staff can conduct feasibility studies and investigate a potential site and its outlying factors to uncover its full potential. We help our clients develop a budget so they can understand the costs associated with building on a particular site.

Color, 3D renderings and schematic designs breathe life into the plan. These vibrant representations of the future show how real the possibilities are. Conceptual plans depict exactly how the project site should be laid out, being sure to account for the specific needs of each user. This visualization tool can be used on the front end to gain the support necessary to move the project forward, or on the back end to secure occupants after the project is well underway.

EVERY SQUARE FOOT COUNTS

The more square feet we can squeeze out of a property, the better. We get that. So, we work hard to carefully think through all possible configurations to find every usable square foot. In the end, we often get our clients more property than originally expected.

We work with municipalities and even realtors to do code reviews and attain the ideal building ratios for the maximum economical benefit.



3 WEST ELEVATION
SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"



4 EAST ELEVATION
SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"



2 NORTH ELEVATION
SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"

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