

Senior Project Manager – Real Estate Development

(Hybrid remote in Colorado)

Reports to: Executive Director

Start Date: Immediately

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Blueprint (www.blueprintfutures.org) is a non-profit, full-service real estate development firm offering an array of services tailored to meet the unique needs and goals of each of our charter school partners in Colorado. By partnering with charter schools, we are helping to transform public education across the country, making college readiness and achievement more tangible for all by allowing school leaders to invest their time and resources where they belong – educating students.

The work at Blueprint is based on decades of experience building charter school facilities. Since 2004, Blueprint has completed over \$1.20B in total projects, leveraging philanthropy, private financing, and state funding to create 130+ campuses serving over 55,000 students across multiple districts and municipalities in our core regions – California, Texas, Colorado, and Washington State. In 2025, Blueprint launched the Colorado region to partner with local operators and expand high-quality educational options throughout the state.

Blueprint is looking for a Senior Project Manager to support the development of new charter school facilities in our Colorado region. The Senior Project Manager should be based in or around Denver, CO or Colorado Springs, CO. The Senior Project Manager will be responsible for managing and/or overseeing projects at various stages of development, including site selection, due diligence, design development, entitlements, financing support and construction through project closeout. The Senior Project Manager will need to be able to operate independently as well as work as a team member, as they will be responsible for directing and managing the activities of architects, engineers, contractors, attorneys and environmental and other consultants as necessary to complete development projects. The Senior Project Manager will report to the Executive Director and will work closely with charter school clients, as well as Blueprint's finance team to execute the day-to-day project management activities.

Blueprint is proud to be an equal opportunity employer and is committed to attracting and retaining a diverse staff. We exist to bring high-quality education to underserved communities, and we strive to reflect the diversity of the communities that we serve. We advance diversity and inclusion in our own hiring, retention and promotion practices for staff and leadership, and we seek to engage and collaborate with other organizations that are making efforts to increase racial and social equity within their own practices ([Our Commitment to Equity](#)).

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Project Manager's role will include day-to-day management of project(s) and interfacing with charter school clients. Previous experience in project management, real estate transactions, and construction management is required. Direct responsibilities may include but are not limited to the following:

Site Selection:

- Work with school clients and real estate brokers to identify and evaluate potential sites with the assistance of contractors, architects, and others.
- Perform preliminary feasibility site assessments (floodplain, ROW access, utilities, etc.).
- Create preliminary project budgets and schedules, evaluate potential sites and provide recommendation for site feasibility to clients and internal decision-making.
- Draft purchase or acquisition offers, negotiate site acquisition and review contracts for site acquisition.

Due Diligence:

- Identify necessary environmental and technical due diligence studies required for the project.
- Solicit proposals/bids from consultants, evaluate and make recommendations about consultant selection; negotiate and manage consultant contracts and deliverables.
- Review and finalize all reports; coordinate agency reviews as needed.
- Coordinate and manage all legal, lender, and/or title company activities involved through closing.

Design:

- Understand school client's short and long term programmatic needs to ensure effective implementation into final design.
- Oversee the project scoping and design to ensure affordable final product based on school client's facilities needs and financial objectives.
- Negotiate contract with architect, manage project design and interaction between architect and school client.
- Work with design team to ensure on-time and on-budget delivery of project, particularly tied to key design and permitting milestones.

Permits/Entitlements:

- Identify and select appropriate consultants to help determine permitting/entitlement requirements for proposed sites and assess any schedule, materials, or other risks to the project.
- Coordinate community outreach process with school support for key stakeholder buy-in.
- Oversee permitting/entitlements process; as necessary, attend public hearings and other key meetings w/ building or other officials needed to obtain project permits.
- With assistance from consultants, determine permitting requirements for proposed project scope and sites and assess any schedule, materials, or other risks to the project.

Budget, Schedule, Financing:

- Manage project budgets and schedules.
- Review, code, and enter project invoices in the budget template, linking invoices to appropriate contracts and/or change orders.
- Compile monthly invoice packages and/or loan draws; review and finalize with Project Management and Finance teams.
- Monitor progress billing against contracts to ensure vendors remain within contract budget; track expense-to-date vs. remaining work and note variances
- Support Blueprint's finance team and school client by providing project-related data necessary to obtain

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financing.

Construction:

- Manage construction bid and award process, including issuing RFP, reviewing bids, and recommending contractor selection.
- Manage budget and schedule during construction.
- Attend regular construction meetings, visit construction site to assess and ensure on-site construction progress.
- Review and approve contractor payment applications and loan draws.
- Manage project invoices and track expenses.
- Review, negotiate and approve all change orders.
- Serve as primary lead for resolution of issues during construction.

Closeout & Occupancy:

- Ensure completion of punch list walk with contractor and school, as well as final inspections and receipt of Certificate of Occupancy.
- Support school in coordinating move-in.
- Ensure warranty and other close out documentation is provided to school or end user.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 6+ years of real estate development experience, including at least 4+ years of experience in project management, real estate transactions, and/or construction management. Experience in facilities planning and construction and full-scale real estate development preferred.
- Interest in improving public education and commitment to Blueprint’s mission.
- A self-starter who demonstrates ownership of projects from start to finish and is able to achieve independently while leading a project team and coordinating as needed with school clients, colleagues and external consultants, contractors, and stakeholders.
- Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills.
- Demonstrated success in managing an interdisciplinary team of professionals to deliver projects on schedule and within budget.
- Excellent written and verbal communication, with ability to communicate clearly to diverse stakeholders and across a cross-functional project team.
- Organized and detail-oriented.
- Bachelor's degree required; relevant work experience or graduate degree in real estate, business, construction, engineering, urban planning or architecture a plus.
- Experience developing educational facilities a plus.
- Willingness to travel; will require regular travel throughout Colorado.

HYBRID WORKING ENVIRONMENT

Blueprint utilizes a hybrid workforce model. Employees work remotely and convene at least once a week or more as necessary. Project site visits will also be done as necessary but no less than twice a week during active construction phases. Please only submit an application if you are able to commute to projects within Colorado on a regular basis and to client and/or job sites as needed.

Any applicants should ensure they meet the basic technical skills and have the proper equipment to be effective in a temporary telecommuting environment. Blueprint will provide employee with a laptop, including a built-in speaker and webcam for videoconferencing capability, as well as a computer mouse and keyboard. Applicants will need to



verify that they have reliable access to the following:

- High-speed, stable internet
- Headset or headphones with a microphone
- Cell phone
- A private, quiet space to work
- Personal reliable transportation to/from project sites

COMPENSATION

Annual salary of \$120,000. Benefits package including health, dental, and vision insurance as well as 401(k) matching contributions.

TO APPLY

If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to info@blueprintfutures.org.

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