# An Integrated Approach to Low **Voltage Design**

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### **AGENDA**

- Understanding the dynamics of an A&E team
- Understand the impact of project delivery type
- Understanding discipline specific needs
- Understand when to challenge and when to compromise
- Understanding the difference between needs and wants











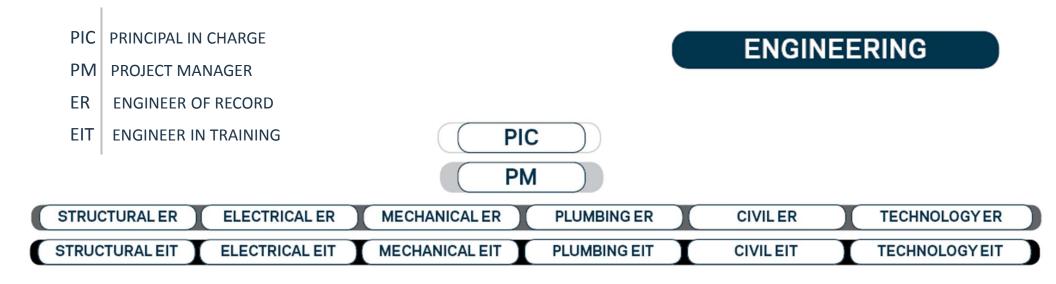
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### OTHER CONSULTANTS

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** 

**KITCHEN LAUNDRY** 

**ACOUSTICS** 

**LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL** 

HISTORICAL







### TEAMING PARTNERS

LOCAL **ARCHITECT** 

LOCAL **ENGINEER** 

**MINORITY SET-ASIDE** 

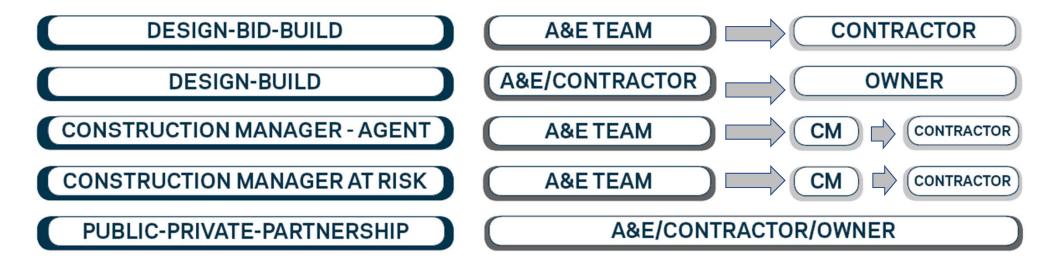
**SMALL BUSINESS** SET-ASIDE

**COMPLIANCE** 















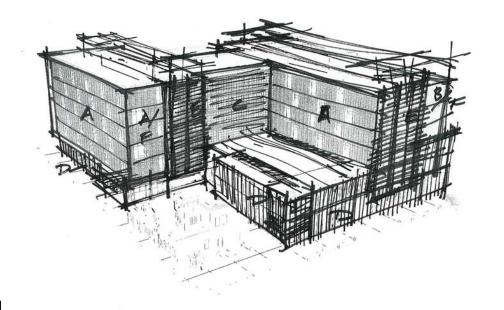


#### **DESIGN-BID-BUILD**

- Traditional, historical approach
- Seldom used today in the public sector
- Slowest delivery method
- A&E team vs. Contractor

#### **DESIGN-BUILD**

- Team approach
- Faster delivery than design-bid-build
- Less opportunity for adversarial relationship between **A&E** and Contractor











#### **CM AGENT**

- **Owners Representative**
- Assist with decision making and management
- No responsibility to deliver the project

#### **CM AT RISK**

- Popular today in the public sector
- CM is responsible for delivering the project on time and on budget
- CM is contracted to the owner and construction trades are contracted to the CM











#### PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3)

- A&E, Contractor, Developer, Owner all teamed together
- Developer or Concessionaire finances the project
- Owner pays over time
- Creates opportunity for projects that otherwise wouldn't be possible











#### **IMPACT OF PROJECT DELIVERY**

- Know your teammates and your client.
- Know your place on the team.
- Understand the client's overall project vision.
- What are the priorities for the project?
- Are there multiple clients?
- Are their priorities in conflict with each other?
- How is the technology scope affected by the client's priorities?
- Knowing this will help you decide when to challenge and when to compromise.

- What is the schedule?
- What are the deliverables?
- What do you owe the other disciplines?
- What does integrated design really mean?





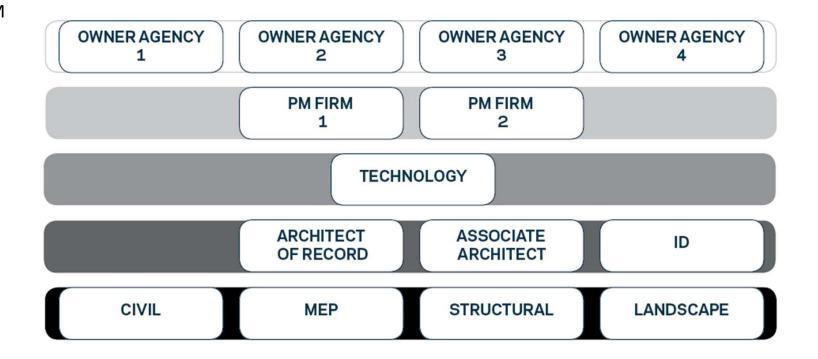






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**EXAMPLE TEAM** 



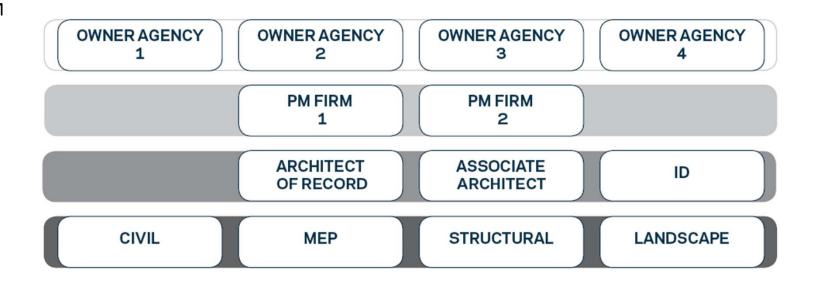






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**EXAMPLE TEAM** 



**TECHNOLOGY** 









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#### **EXAMPLE TEAM OWNER AGENCY OWNER AGENCY OWNER AGENCY OWNER AGENCY** 1 3 **PM FIRM PM FIRM** 1 **ARCHITECT ASSOCIATE** ID **OF RECORD ARCHITECT TECHNOLOGY** CIVIL **MEP STRUCTURAL LANDSCAPE**



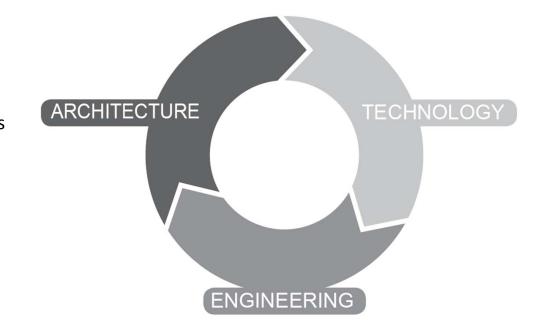






### WHAT DOES INTEGRATED DESIGN REALLY MEAN?

- It's not just coordination
- **Technology affects Architecture**
- **Technology affects Engineering**
- Each is impacted by AND has an impact on the others





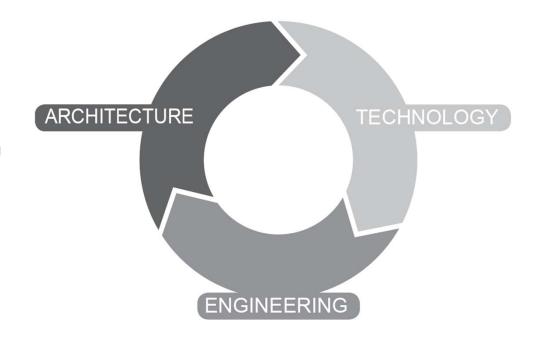






### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- Insert yourself into the process early
- Tell them what you need
- Give them ideas that help reduce power and space needs
- Don't let them squeeze ERs and TRs beyond what you need
- Talk to the engineers about heat loads and power needs early
- Compromise where it makes sense based on the clients vision











- Deliverables
  - SD Phase
    - Narratives
  - DD Phase
    - Floor Plans
    - Outline Specs
  - CD Phase
    - Floor Plans
    - **Reflected Ceiling Plans**
    - **Enlarged Plans**
    - Details
    - Schedules
    - Three Part Specs

- Coordination Deliverables
  - SD Phase
    - Location and size of ERs and TRs
  - **DD** Phase
    - **Electrical loads**
    - Mechanical Loads
  - CD Phase
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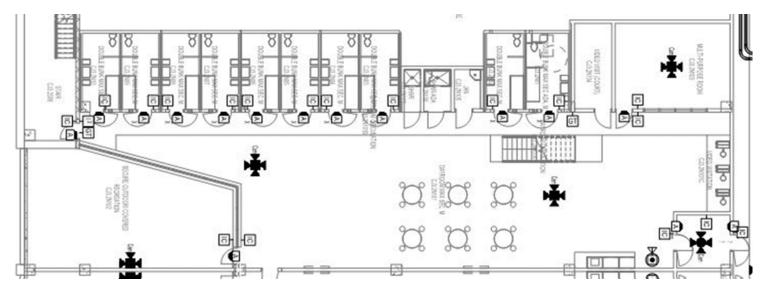


## CHALLENGE VS. COMPROMISE

- Why integrated design?
  - Early involvement

• Help drive the architectural design in favor of

technology



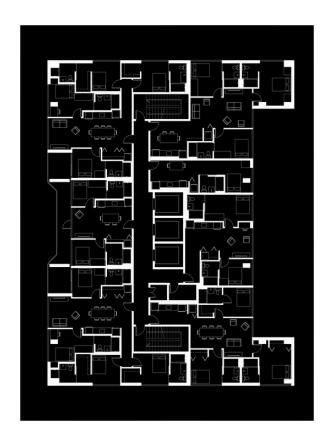






### CHALLENGE VS. COMPROMISE

- It doesn't stop there...
  - Early involvement
    - Proper placement of ERs and TRs
    - Stacking of closets
    - Keep wet piping out of technology overheads
    - Manage Landscape Planning with Video Surveillance
  - The later these issues are brought up, the more difficult they are to change











## **TAKEAWAYS**

- Learn and understand your team AND your teammates
- Know the overall project priorities
- Know that decisions can be technical, emotional or political
- Don't just think technical, think in context









