



Paul W. Powers, AIA, NCARB

Paul provides architectural design and consultation to public clients and has so for nearly three decades resulting in hundreds of successful projects that have helped to define and enhance public environments. Paul's strength is in transforming the clients vision and requirements into innovative, sustainable and dynamic design solutions. Paul has a proven track record for successful outcomes and offers a rare array of expertise that includes architecture, engineering, planning, project management, and business development. Paul's focus is to design "buildable" projects on time and within budget. Paul's passion for advancing building design and technology while creating high performance, sustainable communities and buildings, is balanced by his "developer mentality" of optimizing the "public" investment. Through collaborative working relationships with his professional colleagues he has often been able to provide great savings through accelerated design and construction schedules - maintaining project quality and long term value.

After predominantly working on military projects, Paul shifted his focus to public architecture and regional airports. These experiences and customer relationships have proven to be extremely valuable in developing well rounded consulting skills and communication capabilities. Paul's expertise extends to many project types - aviation and transportation, education, corporate and commercial offices, military, vehicle maintenance and storage facilities, municipal and civic facilities, food & dairy plants and postal facilities. Paul boundless experience in working with public agencies to facilitate the visioning and programming of building promotes the culture and character of a region resulting in unique one of a kind project design solutions. As a twenty year design director, leading a national practice, Paul has created innovative architectural projects in over 100 U.S. cities.

Paul has specialized skills in coordinating and integrating engineering services, construction document development, sustainable design and construction administration. His experience expands upon KPA's multidisciplinary design practice with an emphasis on defining innovative concepts and programs for public and private clients. Paul's competence includes – business management, master planning, programming, cost estimating, analyzing existing buildings, space planning, project and interior design.

Paul approaches each project as a unique opportunity to explore ideas of physical and social context, program, sustainability, space, and object making. He is foremost interested in making architecture that will positively impact its environment while addressing the specific needs of the people who will ultimately use the buildings. Paul continually promotes a long-standing tradition of sustainable design coupled with an intra-disciplinary approach to architecture and planning. He believes that today's successful designers must be increasingly aware of each development's sociological, environmental and economic responsibilities. In his national work he brings a sensitivity to place; the cultural context, where he explores contemporary issues against traditional solutions.

Well after the project is complete, clients continue to rely on Paul's advice to advance their capital improvement programs. Clients trust Paul's advice and value his open communication style. Paul is committed to quality control and he makes sure that his team produces high quality deliverables by staying in front of the challenges and prioritizing quality. Paul values his relationships and personally makes an investment in every client and project.

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Paul is known for his innovative themeing of regional passenger terminals, such as the Arcata- Eureka, Pellston Regional and the Outagamie County Airport passenger terminals as well as for his collaboration with engineers to bring outdated transportation facilities back to life. The Pellston Terminal, with its iconic design and refined detailing, has created a powerful identity for both the airport and the northern Michigan region. He believes in bringing all parties together as early in the design process as possible to generate new ideas, establish collaborative working relationships, and create a strong foundation for success. Paul regularly partners successfully with nationally-renowned landscape architects, engineers and contractors to serve customer needs.

Paul led the design, renovation and expansion of over 35 regional airport passenger terminals. He completed several Airport Traffic Control Towers, ARFF, SRE's and aircraft storage and maintenance hangars while leading a national aviation architecture and engineering practice. He has completed projects in Redding, Inyokern, Santa Rosa, San Francisco, Arcata, Chico and Palm Springs, CA; Eugene, Salem, and Klamath Falls, Oregon; Milwaukee, Madison, Appleton and Green Bay WI; Sioux Falls and Mason City, Iowa; Pellston, Lansing and Sault Saint Marie, MI and many other U.S. cities. Paul is currently leading the design efforts for the Butte, MT passenger terminal. Paul was born in Butte, MT and his close relatives still call it home.

Paul began his architectural career while in college at Montana State University. Paul worked for a architectural, planning and construction management firm during summers and weekends completing a wide range of projects. Paul went on to work for Butte-Silver Bow local government leading efforts to restore Butte's Historic Landmark District and unique uptown Business District. Paul then led a team to renovate and expand Butte High School. Paul moved from Montana to Wisconsin in 1989 to lead project teams completing military and commercial projects. He then led Mead & Hunt's architecture program and built it to become the 160th largest architectural practice in the United States while also having the honor of being the first architect to serve on the Board of Mead & Hunt's 110 year old Engineering/Architectural firm. Paul is currently the President/CEO and primary owner of Oakland based The KPA Group Architects and Engineers.

Education: Paul holds a Master of Architecture from Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana and studied engineering at Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte, Montana. Paul is also a graduate of ACEC's Senior Executive Institute. Paul has lectured at numerous national aviation conferences and has participated in a wide range of leadership, business development, project management and professional practice trainings.

Registration: A 30 year registered architect in several states.

Awards: Composite RAPCON/Communications Facility, United States Merit Design Award; Waukesha County Airport Traffic Control Tower, Wisconsin Association of Consulting Engineers; Communications Electronics Facility, United States Air Force Concept Award; Outagamie County Airport Passenger Terminal, Associated General Contractors of America Build Award; Troop Quarters, Wisconsin Association of Consulting Engineers Achievement Award; Elver Park Shelter, Park & Recreation Association Facility Award of Excellence; Volk Field, Airport Traffic Control Tower, United States Air Force Merit Design Award; W.K. Kellogg Airport, Airport Traffic Control Tower, American Public Works Association Honor Award. San Francisco Airport Terminal 3 Boarding Area E, Ruby Award, International Partnering Institute (IPI).

Professional Affiliations: American Institute of Architects (AIA), National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), American Council Engineering Companies (ACEC) and International Partnering Institute (IPI).