

A3 DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR AEC PROFESSIONALS AND OWNERS

WHAT IS AN A3?

A3 is an international paper size—similar to 11" x 17" US ledger size paper. A3 reports are one of the "Lean" processes, widely used in the manufacturing industry to improve efficiency, eliminate

waste and streamline decision-making. Not restricted to manufacturing, Lean processes are now used

to improve how a design and construction team works together, manages and interacts. An A3 report summarizes a problem or situation on a single page in order to facilitate efficient communication and decision-making by a team.



WHY A3?

Lean Construction & the AEC Industry

Owners and AEC professionals understand the benefits of applying Lean techniques to the design and construction process. In fact, many higher education and healthcare institutions now issue RFPs that require submissions in an A3 format—reducing proposals from 40+ standard pages, to one or two A3-sized pages.

STACEY & ASSOCIATES' TEAM OF A3 EXPERTS

No one knows more about using A3s in the AEC industry! We offer business development rockstars, graphic design gurus, accomplished proposal managers, and redline copy editors who have created dozens of winning A3 proposals and qualifications packages.



Ann Leiner AEC MARKET EXPERT. **STRATEGIST & PROBLEM SOLVER**

30+ years of business development experience and industry knowledge

- Specializes in visioning, project planning and advocacy, as well as design and construction best practices.
- Recognized in the design and construction industry as a creative problem-solver and door-opener to powerful connections between people and organizations.
- Apt to challenge clients, forcing them to differentiate themselves in the marketplace.

A3 WIN **PERCENTAGE**



0+ YEARS designing A3s for AEC professionals



Brenda Dunkelberger STRATEGIC PLANNING, MARKETING MATERIAL CREATION, COPYWRITING

25+ years leading marketing depts. for architectural, engineering and construction management firms



Carrie Barlup GRAPHIC DESIGN, PRESENTATIONS, **MARKETING MATERIALS, BRANDING**

15+ years as creative professional in multiple industries including journalism, higher education and financial services



Shasta Langenbacher MARKETING, COPYWRITING, PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH

9+ years immersed in construction industry marketing and proposal responses, background in journalism and copyediting

Leading the A3 Revolution

Whether we're presenting in-person or virtually, our dynamic and relatable approach keeps attendees engaged and informed.



WHAT ATTENDEES OF OUR PRESENTATIONS ARE SAYING



smps

Honestly this was the most effective and useful presentation I have attended through SMPS or any organization. Your goal was to make it useful, well you exceeded your own goal.

You were relatable and well spoken, I loved the personal anecdotes.

I came back excited to share this with the principals of my firm and start building buy-in.

Streamlined thinking + graphic design

An A3 eliminates boilerplate marketing jargon and creates a targeted response that helps owners quickly compare and select the best team for a project. Smart AEC firms know that, whether required or not, A3s show a clarity of thinking and skill of presentation.

A3s are perfect for:

- PROPOSALS
- QUALIFICATIONS
- INTERVIEW LEAVE-BEHINDS
- INTERNAL REPORTS
- **EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES**



Your team was a pleasure to work with and delivered a top-notch product! Because of their knowledge of the design industry, they were able to quickly distill the most important ideas from our conversations and develop an effective and thorough A3 marketing document custom tailored to our needs. We look forward to the next opportunity to work with Stacey & Associates."

- MICHAEL S. LECHLEITNER CSI-CCS, IIBEC-RRO | Florida Consulting LLC

CONTACT US FOR A FREE CONSULTATION





HOW WE HELP **AEC PROFESSIONALS**



Plan A3 Responses to RFQs, RFPs and interviews



Create A3 brochures / qualifications packages



Train marketing and technical staff in A3 thinking



Help integrate A3 thinking into other proposal types

Design graphic elements



Copywrite and edit submissions

and templates

We did our first A3 proposal with S&A and it looked fantastic. It was amazing to see how much information we could convey on a few A3 pages. Everyone wants less to read. Using an A3 makes you rethink your messaging and helps you focus on what really matters to your clients."

- J. MARC KUROWSKI, PE President & CEO | K&W Engineers

OPTION 1: S&A CREATES YOUR A3

Don't have the in-house graphic design resources, or is your staff too busy? We can work with your technical staff to produce your A3.

KICKOFF MEETING

Collectively we set strategy, discuss messaging, identify A3 team members and brainstorm graphic elements.

CONTENT & DESIGN

Our staff collects and edits content, designs the layout, and develops graphics and visuals.

REVIEW DRAFTS

We send drafts for team review and meet virtually as needed to discuss missing content.

FINALIZE THE A3

We make edits and finalize the A3, providing you with both PDF and InDesign documents.

OPTION 2: S&A CONSULTS AS YOU CREATE YOUR A3

Does your internal team want to design your A3, but could use some advice? We can quide you through the process.

KICKOFF MEETING

Collectively we set strategy, discuss messaging, describe A3 thinking and offer advice on A3 development.

REVIEW PROGRESS

We provide feedback on draft A3s created by your team and provide suggestions to strengthen your A3.

ASSIST AS NEEDED

We can step in with design or copywriting if needed until your A3 is complete!

READY TO GET STARTED? CONNECT WITH US **TO LEARN** MORE.





KEYS TO CREATING **SUCCESSFUL A3s**



THINK VISUALLY -SHOW INSTEAD OF TELL



EDIT WITH YOUR ERASER



DIFFERENTIATE YOURSELF FROM YOUR COMPETITORS



BACK UP YOUR MESSAGE WITH MEANINGFUL EXAMPLES

DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT: MAJOR PLAYERS ARE USING A3s























HOW WE HELP **OWNERS**



Understand the A3 RFP process – What to ask for, how to review



Design an A3-based process for hiring AEC firms

Explore other A3 uses (project

updates, decision-making, etc.)



Share best practices and lessons learned from other owners



Develop A3 templates for internal use and reporting

A3 TEMPLATE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

staceyandassociates.com/A3-works

We created an A3 template for a prestigious private school that streamlined communication among facilities staff and their Board.

Stacey & Associates has developed A3 RFPs for several of our university and healthcare clients and they love the results. Receiving A3 formatted proposals saves time and streamlines our professional selection process by making it easier to compare firms and drill down on what's important."

- GREG KOUSSIS, Manager Capital Construction Management, LLC



A3s IN ACTION: CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES

First A3 Proposal **Results in First PSU Win**



We provided LF Driscoll with strategic messaging and design of A3 **proposals** for long-list then short-list submissions for Penn State University. S&A also prepared their team for the interview that landed Driscoll their first ever CM project for Penn State! Driscoll continues to use S&A to create winning A3 proposal responses for Penn State and other owners and has recommended us to industry partners.

Successful A3 Healthcare **Proposal**

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When a major healthcare client required proposals in an A3 format, Ausley turned to S&A for help. We created a concise, powerful response to the detailed RFP in four A3 pages that won them the job! In addition to using S&A for all their A3 proposals, Ausley engaged us to create a series of A3 quals to set them apart from their competition.

Using A3s to Reimagine Quals



Hoffman Leakey Architects engaged S&A for a **complete rebranding** of their marketing materials. We introduced A3 thinking to their proposals and quals packages and developed A3s to educate clients on topics like Feasibility Studies. A3s are a great way to break down complex processes and make them easier to understand! See their feasibility study A3 inset in the box above.

(SAMPLE A3 LAYOUT)

SCU ACADEMIC CENTER RENOVATIONS / JUNE 2023

PROJECT UNDERSTANDING

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SUCCESSEUL **PROJECT**







LEAD QUALIFICATIONS



JONATHAN DOE, EIT PROJECT EXECUTIVE

Jonathan Doe is a Brand and Marketing Strategist who partners with CEOs, executives and solopreneurs to grow their personal and professional brands, human-to-human. After spending nearly a decade working in PR and marketing for multimillion dollar brands and startups. Alex knows what truly drives conversions, sold-out launches and New York Times interviews—and it's not mastering the marketing flavor of the week. It's how well you connect with the heart-beating people you're trying to help and communicate your understanding back to them

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BLUE, EIT PROJECT EXECUTIVE

Anna Blue is a Brand and Marketing Strategist who partners with CEOs, executives and solopreneurs to grow their personal and professional brands, human-to-human. After spending nearly a decade working in PR and marketing for multimillion dollar brands and startups, Alex knows what truly drives conversions, sold-out launches and New York Times interviews—and it's not mastering the marketing flavor of the week. It's how well you connect with the heart-beating people you're trying to help and communicate your understanding back to them.

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ACROSS MULTIPLE BUILDINGS/ DESIGN/SAFETY **TENANTS**



PROTECTION



REPLACEMENT EXECUTION

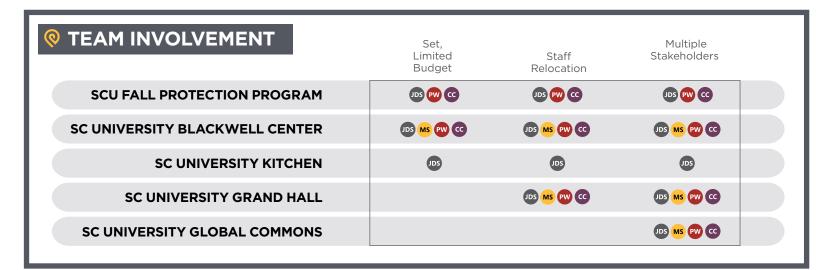


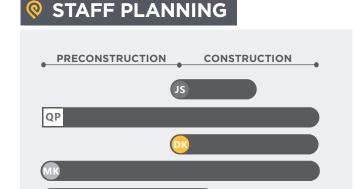


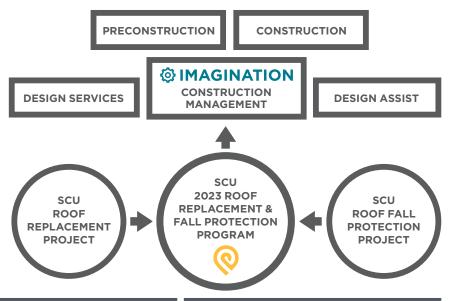


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DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIZATION









SC UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CENTER

Part of a campus-wide improvement program for accessibility, the project included a new 2-story addition to improve the building entrance, along with a new lecture hall

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