

**OPUS 2****(MBE)**

architectural support services

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Capability Statement

CORE COMPETENCIES

As an architect and MBE, licensed in New York State since 1991, I am able to offer the following services in support of other architects, engineers, builders and construction managers:

- **Quality Control**
 - Review of drawings and specifications to detect errors and discrepancies between them
- **Specifications Writing and Product Research**
 - Divisions 00 to 14
 - Special interest and ability coordinating Front End (Divisions 00 and 01) with entire project manuals
 - Specifications in English or Spanish
- **Architectural Design**
 - Institutional, Educational, Residential, Commercial
 - LEED Accredited Professional since 2002
- **Architectural Drafting**
 - AutoCAD and compatible software

PAST PERFORMANCE

My experience has focused on educational and institutional projects, funded or regulated by agencies such as:

- **The New York State Department of Education, Office of Facilities Planning**
 - Numerous K-12 school projects
- **The State University Construction Fund**
 - Projects at Cornell University
- **The New York Power Authority**
 - State Park Administration Building
- **US Department of Housing and Urban Development**
 - Assisted Living Facility

DIFFERENTIATORS

- Exceptional skill to detect discrepancies in documents, between drawings, specifications, and both, which helps reduce errors and Change Orders
- Interest in researching and understanding the difference between various products and writing accurate, clear and competitive specifications for them
- Understanding of the impact the Front End has during construction and interest in working cooperatively with architects, owners and construction managers to meet their goals
- Completely bilingual, in English and Spanish

COMPANY DATA

- Opus 2 was founded in 1995, to offer architectural services and to translate documents for several agencies in various states in the US
- In July of 2016, Opus 2 was certified as a Minority Business Enterprise by the New York State Division of Minority and Women's Business Development. In 2020 Opus 2 was recertified, and incorporated as OPUS 2 MBE, LLC.
- I offer services included in the following NAICS codes:
 - 541310 Architectural Services (including writing specifications in CSI format)
 - 541340 Drafting Services
 - 541350 Building Inspection Services
 - 541930 Translation and Interpretation Services
- I am based in Ithaca, New York, but can work remotely with clients anywhere in the world



NEW YORK STATE
MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ("MWBE")
CERTIFICATION

Empire State Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development grants a

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)

pursuant to New York State Executive Law, Article 15-A to:

Christian Nielsen-Palacios DBA Opus2

Certification Awarded on: May 14, 2020

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