

RQAW CORPORATION

Your Challenge - Our Commitment



Noblesville Public Safety Facility



Walkway over Michigan Street
Hoosier Patriot Memorial



Providing cost-effective, successful solutions to the engineering and architectural challenges facing its clients and a firm commitment to excellence have been the cornerstones of the success of RQAW over its more than 50 years of service. The high percentage and broad range of clients who continuously return to RQAW professionals

for these solutions have come to identify with this firm, founded in 1954 by Robert T. Reid and Linton Atkinson in downtown Indianapolis.

Reid and Atkinson launched their business with the goal of becoming the premier provider of transportation planning and design services in Indiana. The founders quickly recognized, however, the tremendous potential for these disciplines, both locally and on a wider scale, when the discussions took place in Washington, D.C. for the construction of a system of high speed thoroughfares that would link the United States from coast to coast. Those discussions resulted in the passage of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways Act that was signed into law by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. RQAW was on the ground floor of the ensuing flurry of highway construction activity that began in the late 1950s and has now laid all 48 contiguous states.

From its roots as a transportation planning and design specialist, RQAW expanded its scope of services to embrace all engineering disciplines as well as architecture. The original office on

North Illinois Street has evolved over the years into its present 18,000 square foot headquarters with satellite offices in Naples and Lehigh Acres, Florida. RQAW now employs 45 engineering and design professionals.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

RQAW engineers and design specialists don't just ink a contract for a specific project. They commit the firm to establishing a professional relationship. A principal of the firm is actively involved in every project. RQAW believes that, not only does principal involvement bring a depth of experience and expertise, it also underlines the commitment of the entire firm.

"Our approach to each project is simple," states Richard T. O'Connor, President of RQAW. "It is not simply a project to us; it's a relationship that we want to develop. We're fortunate to have a staff of very talented professionals at RQAW who are constantly searching for better ways to serve our clients."

Experienced project managers oversee a team of highly skilled specialists who recognize the critical importance of carefully listening to each client; - the first stage of establishing this relationship. This leads to a thorough understanding of the goals and desires of the client for the project and allows the team to develop plans designed to meet them. These engineering and architectural professionals are experts in their fields. When necessary, additional expert resources are brought in to solve specific project challenges. There is a clear understanding of the need for creativity and innovation. Uppermost in the minds of team members is the need to work within budget guidelines and schedules

while providing project status reviews in a clear and timely fashion.

RQAW engineers, architects, and planners have been involved in a diverse array of projects, including justice, municipal, county, educational, industrial, commercial, recreational, military, historic preservation, and homeland security. The company's interdisciplinary team approach to providing solutions to such a varied client base includes an equally wide array of services:

- ▶ Structural
- ▶ Security Consulting
- ▶ Educational Studies
- ▶ Feasibility Studies
- ▶ Civil and Environmental
- ▶ Interior Design
- ▶ Adaptive Reuse
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Delineation and Model Making
- ▶ Community and Urban Planning
- ▶ Land Use Planning
- ▶ Design Build
- ▶ Sustainable Design
- ▶ Construction Administration
- ▶ Building Information Modeling
- ▶ MEP Engineering

A specialty niche that RQAW has developed over the years is in justice planning, design, and consultation. The firm's involvement in more than 140 justice projects in Indiana alone separates RQAW from similar firms. RQAW was the first to promote the use of pre-fabricated modular steel cells in Indiana and the first in the state to incorporate programmable logic controllers and touch-screen security systems.

"Our clients are always amazed when they learn the size

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Indianapolis Airport Fire Station



Fisher's Police Station

of our company,” O’Connor states. “They assume that we are much larger than we are. I believe that is because of our multiple areas of expertise that allow us to undertake such a wide variety of projects.”

PEER RECOGNITION

If recognition by your peers for excellence in your work is truly the hallmark of a successful company, then RQAW can point to many achievements in this metric. The company has been spotlighted with multiple awards from

industry associations such as the American Council of Engineering Companies of Indiana (ACEC), Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), American Institute of Architects (AIA), and American Concrete Institute (ACI). Other prestigious recognitions include the City of Indianapolis Monumental Award, American Society of Civil Engineers/Indiana Section “Project of the Year Award,” Post Tensioning Institute “Award of Excellence,” and others.

“We are honored for the awards and accolades we have

received over the years,” O’Connor explains, “and are pleased that our practical yet innovative designs have been noticed so widely. Among the greatest tributes to what we do, however, is our commitment to our community and our employees. We demonstrate that commitment by supporting organizations in which our staff and their families are actively involved, including Special Olympics, Boy Scouts of America, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Crossroads of America, Outside the Box, the United Way, Asian Help Services, and others.”

RQAW Headquarters



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