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Information Designer with a Planning or Urban Design Background

Utile, one of the leading urban planning and architecture firms in Boston, is seeking a thoughtful and creative information designer and urban planner. The firm has benefited enormously from the direction of leaders in the field of information design during the past ten years, and Utile is looking for the next person to oversee this aspect of our practice.

Information graphics penetrate all aspects of Utile's diverse planning and urban design practice, from map-based analysis, to spatial programming, to the qualification and clarification of regulatory and conceptual frameworks. Wayfinding and interpretative graphic projects often emerge during these more conceptual planning assignments. Typical clients for this work includes municipal departments and agencies, state agencies and authorities, and social service and affordable housing organizations. Occasionally these tools are brought to bear in master planning projects for independent secondary schools and universities.

Required skills and expertise:
- Minimum of 2 years experience in a planning or architecture firm
- Command of GIS (any platform) and the Adobe suite
- Some coding experience in any language
- Familiarity with the kinds of planning and urban design problems that can benefit from spatial and non-spatial analysis
- Ability to work collaboratively in team settings, while exhibiting individual initiative
- Capability to communicate clearly and concisely, and demonstrate a competency presenting ideas and concepts
- Proven talent and proficiency deploying a wide range of representational techniques, including representative mapping, diagramming, and information graphics

Preferred Skills
- SQL query writing (especially PostgreSQL and PostGIS)
- Web mapping and data visualization (D3, leaflet.js, mapbox)
- Modern HTML and CSS practices
- Familiarity with typical online municipal or state-level data sources

Utile offers competitive salaries, health insurance, retirement plans, commuter benefits, and a work environment that thrives on the exchange of ideas and open dialogue. The firm is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages diverse candidates to apply.

To apply: send a portfolio and cover letter to kane@utiledesign.com.

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