

SERVICES AND EXPERIENCE

Services:

The following outlines a partial list of the advisory and management services Benchmark Advising is experienced in providing that can lead to successful expansion, remodeling, and repositioning.

Real Estate:

Broker introductions and kickoff meetings High-level market & location strategy Delivery conditions allowances & site assessments LOI, lease, and work letter review & comment

Design:

Architect/designer introductions & kickoff meetings
Programming & space design
Key stakeholder meetings & focus groups
Drawing review, comment, & constructability reviews
Permitting & entitlements

Construction:

Bid package preparation RFPs & bid reviews Construction project management & reporting Project closeout & TI allowance collections

General contractor introductions

Vendor Strategy:

Vendor RFP & review
Vendor selection & management
Scope gap identification
Contract review

Corporate Function Collaboration:

Finance & accounting Legal & compliance Operations & facilities IT & security Recruiting

Process Design:

Project management, budget, & schedule tools Project milestone tracking tools Best practices & lessons learned Cost savings & value engineering tactics Scalability & future process improvements

Experience:

- Client-side projects:
 - Coordination and management of real estate, design, construction, and project closeout of over 60 commercial tenant improvement projects in cities across the U.S.:
 - High-rise buildings with challenging access and sensitive neighboring tenants (Boston Properties, Lerner, Blackstone, etc.)
 - Retail strip centers, including new storefronts
 - Indoor malls and outdoor lifestyle centers with strict design criteria (Westfield, Macerich, Brookfield Properties, etc.)
 - Stand-alone retail buildings, including structural retrofits
 - = Coordination and management of design, construction, and project closeout of 12 on-site employer-sponsored medical clinics within existing buildings on corporate campuses
 - = Coordination and management of design, construction, and project closeout of many corporate office expansions, remodels, and refreshes, up to \$14,000,000 and 60,000 s.f.





■ General contractor projects:

- = Successful completion of over 100 projects for both tenants and building owners including:
 - Tenant improvements (both negotiated and competitive bid)
 - Exterior improvements, including façade, hardscape, landscape, and parking
 - Building lobby and restroom upgrades
 - Service work and emergency repairs in occupied spaces
 - Restaurants and food service
 - Work in historic and landmark buildings
- = Full-service project management included self-performing all of the following tasks:
 - Business development and sales
 - Bidding, estimating, and proposal writing
 - Client contracting and communications
 - Subcontractor selection, contracting, and management
 - Field employee management and scheduling
 - Accounting, invoicing, and lien waivers
 - Punch list creation, completion, and project close-out
- = Employee training and mentoring



■ Real estate:

- Vendor selection and onboarding
 - Broker team
 - Real estate legal team
 - Zoning expert
 - Lease administrator
- = Market selection using demographics, psychographics, and other data
- Zoning and drive time map studies
- Site tours and analysis
- Letter of intent writing and reviews
- Lease and work letter reviews
- = Delivery condition analysis
- Experience working with the following brokerages















- Design, permitting, and entitlements:
 - = Vendor selection and onboarding
 - Architect, architect of record, and interior designer
 - Engineering team (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire sprinkler, fire alarm, structural)
 - Sign and graphics designer
 - Lighting designer
 - Acoustics consultant
 - Furniture vendor
 - Security, IT, and A/V vendor
 - Permit expediter, land-use attorney and public affairs consultant
 - = Site due diligence investigation and reporting
 - Space programming working sessions
 - Fit plan design and review
 - Design development preparation and review
 - = Construction drawing preparation and review
 - = Constructability analysis
 - = Permit application, submittal, and response



≡ Construction:

- = Vendor selection and onboarding
 - General contractor (national and local)
 - Specialty contractor
 - Sign fabricator and installer
 - Low voltage installer
 - Millwork fabricator and installer (national and local)
- Estimating, budgeting, and invoice tracking
- = Project management
- Project team meeting organization and execution
- Punch walk and project close-out





■ Post-construction:

- = Furniture, fixtures, artwork, and equipment coordination and install
- = Move coordination
- = Facilities management
 - Vendor selection and onboarding
 - Team training
 - Janitorial and issue resolution SLAs
 - Maintenance, repair, and replacement intervals
- Tenant improvement allowance collection



■ Process design and management:

- = Due diligence checklist (over 120 items)
- = Project schedules and milestone trackers, including critical path
- Project management tracker and gantt chart (over 150 tasks)
- = Budgets, invoice tracking, and budget summaries including CapEx cash-flow projections
- = Daily work reports
- Day-by-day deployment schedules
- Decision logs and risk reports
- = Facilities management tracking
- Google Docs and Smartsheet setup, onboarding, and training

