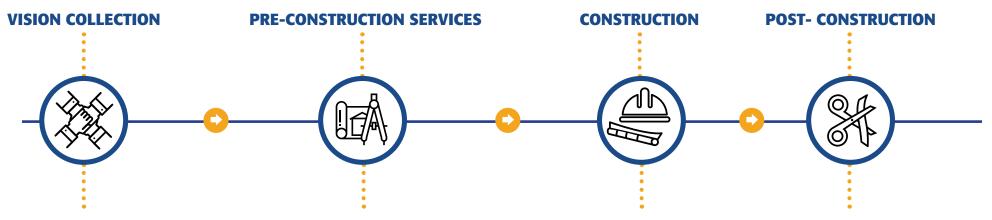
# The Dow Smith Way

**Our Process** 



## **Assemble The Team**

- Owner's decision maker (organizational leader preferred)
- Designers
- Architect
- Civil Engineer
- Structural Engineer P
- HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical
- Construction
- Project Manager/ Estimator
- Superintendent
- Subcontractors
- Bank

# **Develop space plan** needs

# Determine financial targets and feasibility

# **Phase 1 - Due Diligence & Schematic Design Drawings**

- Finalize site location (or size of addition & renovation)
  - Geotechnical & Phase 1 site reports
- Preliminary site plan & master plan (Demo plan for addition/renovations)
- Footprint of building on site
- Building orientation
- Preliminary floor plan
- Preliminary elevations
- Initial discussions with government officials
- Re-zoning application if necessary
- Construction budget with an allowance for site work

# **Phase 2 - Design Development Drawings**

- Completed site plan
- Architectural drawings to 50% complete
- Preliminary engineering for plumbing, HVAC, electrical, and structural
- Subcontractor input
- Formal discussions with City Hall
- Planning commission approval
- Budget with 5% contingency
- Order appraisal
  - If fast-track, site work can begin after this phase

## **Phase 3 - Construction Drawings**

- Finalize all construction documents
- Procure subcontractor pricing
- Award subcontracts
- Procure building permit
- Establish construction price with 3% contingency
- Loan closing
- If fast-track, building foundations can start after this phase

#### Construction

- Mobilization
- Ground breaking
- Weekly updates
- Progress meetings
- Monthly projected final cost
- Monthly invoicing
- Construct the building

### Move-In

- Procure certificate of occupancy
- Coordinate delivery of furniture & owner supplied systems
- Punch list
- Ribbon cutting
- Owner survey
- O&M manuals

### Warranty

- Miscellaneous Repairs
- Warranty inspection

