IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

FACILITIES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT



Mike Murray

Title: Chief Mechanical Engineer, Utility Engineering

Hired: 1997

Education: Iowa State University

"Everybody cares about the results of the work and overall operation. We can take ownership of anything that happens. It's up to us."

WHY FP&M

After three years of working at a consulting firm, I wanted a place where I could have ownership of my projects, and could see the results of my hard work. Iowa State University's Facilities Planning and Management has given me just that, and more.

FP&M TODAY

The management structure is very good. I like working in facilities for the strong sense of ownership. If the project goes well, then I get to reap the benefit. If it goes poorly, then I learn from it, and get a chance to fix it to make sure it doesn't happen again.

The position is very flexible and allows me to take time off when I need to be with my kids. The level of vacation is enough that I always have it when I need it. In fact, management encourages us to take vacation. I am lucky to have a boss that understands life is short and there are only so many dance recitals and baseball games.

If you're willing to be part of a team that works together to solve problems and to have a good stable job, then this is a great place for you.