The steps below outline the general process during project design development with activities being performed by the architect or engineers.

**Concept Design (Programming)**

Early definition of project needs as required by the owner including site size, building spaces, budget, and schedule.

**Schematic Design (SD)**

An initial design scheme seeking to define the general project scope and conceptual design including scale and relationships between building components.

**Design Development (DD)**

Design refinement following SD where greater detail is provided along with a clear and coordinated description of all aspects of the architectural, mechanical, plumbing, and fire protection.

**Construction Documents (CD)**

Detailed documents setting forth the requirements for the construction of the project consisting of Drawings (illustrative component) and Specifications (written requirements).

**Construction Bidding**

The submittal and consideration of price proposals from contractors representing the Construction Document and schedule requirements of the project.

**Construction Administration (CA)**

Activities performed by the design team, acting as an agent of the owner, overseeing construction to ensure conformity to the Construction Documents and industry standards.