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Iowa Celebrates Architecture Month

Des Moines, Iowa (March 24, 2010) – April is designated as Architecture Month by the American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter (AIA Iowa). Three major statewide initiatives have been set in celebration of this annual event. The theme for this year is, “Livable Communities, Quality Design and Sustainability”.

Iowa’s Governor Chet Culver has signed a State Proclamation proclaiming April as Architecture Month in Iowa. Also, cities across the state have proclaimed April as Architecture Month.

A newspaper insert in eight of the largest newspapers in Iowa will be inserted the week of April 11-17. The newspapers include: the Cedar Rapids Gazette, Davenport Quad City Times, Des Moines Register, Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Iowa City Press Citizen, Mason City Globe Gazette, Sioux City Journal, and the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier. Articles include: “Never Mistake Activity for Achievement” by Eric Wessels, AIA; “Architects Step Outside of Traditional Roles to Educate on Sustainability” by Michael Andresen, Assoc. AIA; and “Small Scale Solutions Making a Big Impact” by Tim Hickman, AIA.

Finally, displays will be set up at 33 libraries across the state. Libraries include: Bertha Barlett Public Library, Cedar Falls Public Library, Clinton Public Library, Council Bluffs Public Library, Davenport Public Library, Des Moines Central Public Library, Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library, Drake Community Library, Fort Dodge Public Library, Garner Public Library, Gutekunst Public Library, Hiawatha Public Library, James Kennedy Public Library, Kalona Public Library, Kirkendall Public Library, Marcus Public Library, Marion Public Library, Marshalltown Public Library, Mason City Public Library, Milford Public Library, Musser Public Library, Nevada Public Library, Newton Public Library, Norwalk Easter Public Library, Pella Public Library, Pleasant Hill Public Library, Robey Memorial Library, Ross & Elizabeth Baty Public Library, Des Moines Public Library-South Side, Urbandale Public

Library, Waterloo Public Library, and West Des Moines Public Library. According to Rob Smith, AIA, AIA Iowa's 2010 president "Architects across the state are champions to make Iowa a better place to live. Now is the time to create more sustainable communities."

Since 1857, the American Institute of Architects has represented the professional interests of America's architects. AIA Iowa, headquartered in Des Moines, is a statewide affiliate of the national AIA. AIA members express their commitment to excellence in design and are proactive in the design of livable communities. Members adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assures the client, the public, and colleagues of an AIA member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice. For more information, go to www.aiaiowa.org or call 515.244.7502.

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