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**Architects Recognized for Public Service  
in the Cedar Rapids / Marion / Iowa City Communities**

Des Moines, Iowa (July 6, 2010) – several members of the American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter (AIA Iowa) have been recognized as participants in the AIA Iowa Citizen Architect Program by AIA Iowa for his service to their communities.

Bradley Fritz, AIA, of OPN architects is a triple threat for the Theatre Cedar Rapids. He acts, sits on the Board of Directors, and is currently the architect for the renovations to the Iowa Theatre Building. Relocated after the flood of 2008, the Iowa Theatre Building is the longtime home of Theatre Cedar Rapids. His support of the performing arts in Cedar Rapids includes chairing this year's Volunteer Board. He has been involved with the organization for more than five years. This year's Theatre Cedar Rapids annual awards celebration is August 14<sup>th</sup>, learn more at <http://www.theatre.org>.

The Novak Design Group has a Preservationist in Mitch Bloomquist, Assoc. AIA. He was appointed and began serving on the Linn County Historic Preservation Commission in 2009. He believes the community as a whole has a right to the architectural heritage of their place and it is the responsibility of architects, historians and educators to preserve its authenticity and add to it in a way that thoughtfully comments on its presence. The Linn County Historic Preservation Commission is comprised of nine Linn County residents working to identify, preserve, and protect historic structures. In addition, the Commission administers and monitors the Linn County Historic Preservation Grant Program.

David Martin, AIA, owner of Martin Design, P.C. has been active in the community for more than twenty years as part of the Tuesday Noon Optimist Club. He became involved to help the youth of the community, to become more aware of local organizations, to give back to the community, and to meet more people. A past president and board member, he is currently Social Chairperson, assisting with the fund raising events of the club. Although the Optimists help numerous youth organizations each year through volunteer time and monetary contributions their primary recipient of assistance is the Boys and Girls Club of Cedar Rapids.

Kevin Monson, AIA, a partner at Neumann Monson PC, is active in the Iowa City Area Development Group. Nominated by the executive committee four years ago, he was elected and is currently serving on the Executive Committee. The Iowa City Area Development Group places a strong emphasis on regional development efforts with Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. This group facilitates the development of clean businesses in the county and all the municipalities in the county.

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William Nowysz, AIA, owner of William Nowysz and Assoc. has been a member of his local Rotary Club for over twenty-five years. Known worldwide for their work eradicating Polio, the local club has been active raising funds and donating time to Habitat for Humanity. As an architect, Mr. Nowysz believes in the Habitat for Humanity cause, as it promotes both affordable housing and conservation.

The Citizen Architect Program recognizes AIA Iowa members who represent AIA's values in their community through public service. To find out more about this program please contact Jessica Reinert at AIA Iowa, (515) 244-7502, or e-mail her at [jreinert@aiaiowa.org](mailto:jreinert@aiaiowa.org).

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