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**Architects Recognized for Public Service
in the Sioux City and Spencer Communities**

Sioux City , Iowa (April 24, 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 their service to the communities of Sioux City and Spencer.

Among this year's participants is Dale McKinney, AIA of M+ Architects. He is the chair of the Iowa Board of Architectural Examiners. In addition, he serves as the Director of Region 4 on the Board of Directors of NCARB (National Council of Architectural Registration Boards) and on the research and development Committee for the Architectural Registration Examination. His dedication to supporting architectural interns through their path to licensure strengthens the profession of architecture throughout the state.

Appointed by the governor and serving on the I-JOBS Board of Directors is Toi Sullivan, AIA from FEH Associates. Sullivan and his fellow Board Members are charged with establishing program rules and regulations based on the I-JOBS legislation and distributing funding to communities and non-profit organizations involved with infrastructure re-building, flood prevention, flood repair and replacement of public buildings. Working as an architect in this process, he encourages consideration of each project's sustainability and energy efficiency.

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Several architects from the firm of Cannon Moss Brygger Architects are also participants in the Citizen Architect Program. Among them is Todd Moss, AIA. He serves on Executive Board and Finance Committee as the Treasurer at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. His commitment to the hospital stems from not only professional relationships but also family ties. All three of Moss's children are graduates of the St. Luke's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Another participant is Richard Dean, AIA. Dean serves as chairperson for the Board of Directors of the Spencer Avenue of Flags. He has been involved with the Avenue of Flags for more than 40 years. The group provides and dedicates flags at local cemetery displays set up for Memorial Day, and at the county courthouse for Veterans Day. Spencer's Avenue of Flags was started in 1964, and the number of flags in this display have grown from 90 to 1282, increasing each year.

Julie Burhoop, AIA, serves as the Board Secretary of the Executive Committee on the Junior League of Sioux City. Her work with them over the last 6 years includes time volunteered at the Discovery Shop, a thrift store that meets a need for high-quality second-hand merchandise within the community. The dedicated volunteerism of the Junior League at the Discovery Shop raises funds to give back to the community. The 2010-2011 year celebrates the Junior League's 90th anniversary in Sioux City, and they are completing nine projects to recognize and pay homage to the long history of volunteerism within the community.

Also from the firm of Cannon Moss Brygger & Associates is Beau Fey, Associate AIA. Fey is active with the Sioux City Historic Preservation Commission. On the HPC he helps consult with land owners and prospective developers regarding the appropriateness of preservation and rehabilitation efforts for significant buildings in Sioux City. In addition they advocate for endangered buildings and educate through tours and articles published in local newspapers and magazines.

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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.

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