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David A. Block, AIA receives AIA Iowa Education Award

Des Moines, Iowa (September 26, 2008) – The American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter (AIA Iowa), has awarded AIA Iowa Member David A. Block, AIA the 2008 AIA Iowa Education Award Friday, September 26, at the AIA Iowa annual Awards Celebration at the Iowa State Historical Building in Des Moines. The purpose of the AIA Iowa Education Award is to recognize an Iowa educator within or outside the profession for his/her contributions to architectural education in Iowa. Any AIA Iowa member, colleague or student is eligible to nominate candidates for this award..

Professor David A. Block, AIA, has been a Professor at the College of Design at Iowa State University (ISU) since 1982, he was an Assistant Professor of Architecture at ISU from 1973-1979 and an Associate Professor of Architecture at ISU from 1979-1982. Block commented, “I practice what I teach and teach what I practice.” From the first year of teaching through his current 35th year he has taught the principles of “green architecture”. Gregory S. Palermo, FAIA, Professor and Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies at ISU commented, “Dave has a student friendly teaching approach, and he is genuinely concerned about the welfare of his students; he wants them to succeed professionally and in life. His commitment to “green” architecture predates that particular terminology by 30 years.”

This Awards Celebration was held in conjunction with the AIA Iowa Annual Convention held Thursday, September 25, and Friday, September 26, 2008 at the Polk County Convention Complex in Des Moines. The 2008 Convention, “Kicking Habits”, focused on kicking little habits that will solve big problems, and the tools needed today to generate change and meet the SustainAbility 2030 Challenge, a goal of creating carbon neutral buildings by the year 2030. Additional awards including the AIA Iowa Excellence in Design Awards, AIA Iowa Excellence in Sustainable Design Awards, and AIA Iowa Education Award were also presented at this event.

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