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Final Phase of IDP 2.0 to be Implemented April 2012

Washington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will implement the final phase of Intern Development Program (IDP) 2.0 3-5 April 2012. This phase will include new experience categories and areas, simplified experience settings, and an enhanced electronic system to report IDP experience.

To facilitate these changes, a new, updated, and more user-friendly electronic reporting system will be available through My NCARB on the Council's website on April 5. On 3 April 2012, the current reporting system will be shut down and will be inaccessible as the data is converted to IDP 2.0. **Interns must submit any hours under the current requirements to their supervisor before April 3. All experience submitted to their supervisor or approved by their supervisor prior to the implementation of the final phase will be rolled over. All reports submitted after the new system becomes available on April 5 will count toward IDP 2.0 requirements.**

IDP 2.0 is the most significant update to the Intern Development Program (IDP) since its inception in the 1970s. The Practice Analysis of Architecture was used as the foundation to update the program requirements to more closely align with the current practice of architecture and to identify the comprehensive training that is essential for competent practice.

Experience Categories, Areas, and Settings

IDP 2.0 will have four experience categories and 17 experience areas that will replace the current training requirement. The new categories and areas are aligned to the phases of project development in architecture practice today. Both will have mini-mum experience hours that must be earned.

The overall hours required to complete the IDP will remain 5,600 hours. Of those hours, 3,740 must be earned through core hours in the categories and areas, and 1,860 may be earned through elective hours.

Also, the current seven work settings that interns must be employed in to earn hours will be simplified into three experience settings. Interns must earn 1,860 hours of experience under the direct supervision of an IDP supervisor licensed as an architect in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in an organization engaged in the lawful practice of architecture. The two other experience settings allow interns to work under the direct supervision of other professionals as well as earn core and elective hours whether or not employed. There will also be the opportunity for interns to earn hours through academic internships.

IDP Supervisors

Another major change in IDP 2.0 is the modification of the location-of-licensure requirement for IDP supervisors. The current program requires that IDP supervisors in certain work settings be licensed in the jurisdiction where

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they are located. In IDP 2.0, the definition of experience setting A and opportunities within O require that the IDP supervisor be licensed in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction, not necessarily where he or she is located.

Rollover to IDP 2.0

In order to assist interns with the rollover to the new program, NCARB has launched a new section of its website devoted to IDP 2.0. It includes a history of the program, a timeline for the implementation, a breakdown of the new categories and areas, definitions of the new experience settings, and other resources. More tools and resources, including assistance with the rollover rules from the old to the new program, will become available over the next several months. New *IDP 2.0 Guidelines* and *IDP 2.0 Supervisor Guidelines* with the official rules and requirements are anticipated to be released early next year.

For more information on IDP 2.0, including information on previous phases of IDP 2.0, visit www.ncarb.org/IDP2.

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About NCARB

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' membership is made up of the architectural registration boards of all 50 states as well as those of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NCARB assists its member registration boards in carrying out their duties and provides a certification program for individual architects.

NCARB protects the public health, safety, and welfare by leading the regulation of the practice of architecture through the development and application of standards for licensure and credentialing of architects. In order to achieve these goals, the Council develops and recommends standards to be required of an applicant for architectural registration; develops and recommends standards regulating the practice of architecture; provides to Member Boards a process for certifying the qualifications of an architect for registration; and represents the interests of Member Boards before public and private agencies. NCARB has established reciprocal registration for architects in the United States and Canada.

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