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IDP Firm Award and IDP Outstanding Firm Award Applications Now Available

Washington, DC—The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is now accepting applications for the 2011-2014 IDP Firm Award and the 2011-2014 IDP Outstanding Firm Award on behalf of the IDP Advisory Committee (IDPAC)—a committee co-chaired by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the AIA. Granted annually to firms that engage with and enhance the internship process, these two awards bestow a three-year recognition to organizations that embrace and support the Intern Development Program (IDP) and the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®).

“NCARB is excited to continue to partner with the AIA to honor firms that foster a positive internship environment,” said NCARB’s Director, IDP Harry M. Falconer Jr., AIA, NCARB.

The IDP Firm Award celebrates those firms that, by their active mentoring and engagement with interns, demonstrate a dedication to the field and its future. Twelve criteria across five categories form the basis of the award, and span all aspects of the internship experience. A firm that demonstrates its commitment to each category establishes itself as a steward on the path to licensure.

The IDP Outstanding Firm Award is awarded to those firms that, in addition to satisfying the five categories necessary for qualification for the IDP Firm Award, show an unsurpassed and proactive approach to the development of the intern experience. Organizations engaged in exceptional activities in the architectural community and in the establishment of a positive firm culture are encouraged to apply for this distinction. By recognizing those firms that prove to be innovators for future professionals, the IDP Outstanding Firm Award indicates a dynamic approach to the needs of the profession.

“These awards recognize firms’ efforts to fully prepare interns for licensure and the valuable contribution they are making to the profession. As active members of the architectural community, these firms lead the field by establishing a culture of professional development,” said Falconer. “The IDP is most beneficial when firms, supervisors, and interns are all fully engaged in the process.”

Applications are available now on the [IDP Firm Award Program](#) page and will be accepted until 12 October 2011. The IDPAC will review applications beginning in October and announce the recipients in late November.

Detailed explanations for both awards are available in the [IDP Firm Awards Program Guidelines](#).

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About IDPAC

The Intern Development Program Advisory Committee (IDPAC) was formed to bring representatives of the architectural stakeholder organizations together to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern regarding the Intern Development Program (IDP). The IDPAC includes representatives of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), National Associates Committee (NAC,) Council of Architecture Component Executives (CACE), Society of Design Administration (SDA), NCARB Member Board Executive, and interns.

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, Canada, and Mexico.

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About AIA

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