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NCARB to Host Intern Think Tank

Washington, DC—This December, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will host its first Intern Think Tank in Washington, DC. The think tank will explore blue-sky ideas related to the future of internship, analyze the current program's real-world implementation and effectiveness, and inform the Intern Development Program (IDP) from the perspective of the intern community.

“The Intern Think Tank will be an opportunity for interns, who might not have had a chance to participate in a leadership position before, to share their ideas on what the future of internship may look like,” said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong. “The think tank's findings will be shared with the Council's committees and the Board of Directors and will be taken into consideration when making future program changes.”

The Council is seeking interns to fill 12 spots. To be considered for the think tank, interns must meet the following qualifications:

- Unlicensed at the time of application
- At least six months of approved IDP experience (930 hours) and an active NCARB Record
- Available to travel and meet 13-16 December 2012
- Willingness and ability to participate in approximately five (5) conference calls
- Willingness and ability to conduct up to 10 hours of research throughout the next year
- Have not held an officer or other leadership position with any architectural collateral organizations: NCARB, the American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ASCA), or the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)

Interns interested in serving on the think tank must fill out an application and write a brief essay on “why internship and licensure matter.” They must also list a reference on the application who currently serves on an NCARB Member Board, as an AIA Component executive or officer, or is an architect. Interns will only need one reference.

“We look forward to engaging interns in a new way to harness their ideas for the future,” said Director, Internship + Education Harry M. Falconer Jr., AIA, NCARB. “This will be an opportunity to think outside the box and explore additional ways for the next generation of architects to gain the experience necessary to practice architecture.”

Interns interested in participating in the think tank or architects interested in encouraging interns to apply should download the application form at www.ncarb.org/experience-through-internships/intern-think-tank.

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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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