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The American Institute of Architects Colorado South Chapter Announces Sustainable Design Assessment Team Leader's Initial Visit

DENVER (March 15, 2011)— The American Institute of Architects Colorado South chapter (AIA Colorado South), and Pikes Peak Region have been selected for a grant project that will study opportunities for creating a model sustainable community in Colorado's Pikes Peak Region. The initial Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) leader visit to begin the effort of reviewing these opportunities is scheduled for March 30 – April 1.

The team leader visit is the first step in developing an understanding of the study area. From the information gathered during this series of meetings and discussions, the direction and focus of the SDAT study will be formalized, and the consultants who will constitute the final SDAT will be selected.

The team leader selected for the study is Lee Quill, FAIA, of Cunningham | Quill Architects, PLLC, in Washington, D.C. Quill has extensive experience in community master planning, university planning, urban design, residential and mixed-use in-fill, adaptive reuse of historic buildings, and institutional, university and commercial/corporate architecture. Recognized as a leader in design, Quill has lectured for national organizations including the National Building Museum, the Urban Land Institute (ULI), and the American Planning Association. Most recently, he served as a juror for the EPA National Awards for Smart Growth Achievement and on numerous regional ULI Washington Technical Assistance Panels. He has been heavily involved in shaping the future growth of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, developing policies with the DC Mayoral Task Force on Transit-Oriented Development and as an appointed member of the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee.

“The purpose of this visit is to introduce the SDAT staff and team leader, Lee Quill, FAIA, to the Pikes Peak Region. Through a series of focused meetings, there will be an opportunity for various stakeholder groups to convey their goals and aspirations for a sustainable community. This input will inform the particular make-up and expertise of the SDAT that will visit later in the year,” said AIA Colorado South 2011 President Lou Galletta, AIA.

The architects and other professionals collaborating as part of the SDAT provide their expertise in support of a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary planning effort with the desired outcome of an implementable plan to guide and shape the built environment into the future. The team works with community decision-makers and stakeholders to develop a vision and framework to reach a consensus on sustainability - as defined by a community's ability to meet the environmental, economic and social equity needs of today without reducing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

The SDAT grant was awarded by the AIA Center for Communities by Design. Information relating to this year's SDAT recipients and the SDAT program is available from AIA at <http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/AIAS075425>.

A full copy of the application has been posted to the AIA Colorado South website at www.ppsdat.org.

About AIA & AIA Colorado South

For more than 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real. AIA Colorado South is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado component. This chapter is comprised of members from 18 counties in south and southeastern Colorado and includes the cities of Colorado Springs, Alamosa, Pueblo and La Junta.