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The American Institute of Architects Colorado South Chapter Announces Sustainable Design Assessment Team Leader

DENVER (March 4, 2011)—The American Institute of Architects Colorado South chapter (AIA Colorado South), announced its Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) leader. Lee Quill, FAIA, of Cunningham | Quill Architects, PLLC, (Washington, D.C.) has been selected as the leader of the Pikes Peak Region SDAT.

Quill holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Prior to founding Cunningham | Quill Architects, PLLC, he was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. 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, Mr. 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 (TOD) and as an appointed member of the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee. Quill's projects have received numerous design awards, including Awards of Excellence, Honor and Merit in Design and Historic Resources from AIA, a National 2007 Charter Award from the Congress for the New Urbanism, the DC Mayor's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation and the Pro Bono Publico Award from the Washington Architectural Foundation.

“Mr. Quill’s expertise in smart growth planning, TOD, and in defining policies supporting sustainable development aligns him perfectly with the goals set out in our SDAT application. AIA Colorado South enthusiastically welcomes Mr. Quill to our community as the SDAT leader. We look forward to his guidance in setting a community vision and in laying the groundwork for a truly implementable sustainability plan for the Pikes Peak Region,” said AIA Colorado South 2011 President Lou Galletta, AIA.

AIA Colorado South members believe in the importance of developing a more sustainable and livable environment within the Pikes Peak Region. The chapter participated in and sponsored a number of recent planning events in attempts to bring together key stakeholders to define a vision of what sustainability means for their community. As the next step in these efforts, AIA Colorado South submitted an SDAT grant application to the AIA Center for Communities by Design, which was awarded in Jan. 2011.

The SDAT, a \$15,000 grant program funded by the AIA Center for Communities by Design, will lend 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. While 15 to 20 applications are received each year, fewer than 10 awards are granted nationwide per year. In 2011, six communities were chosen to receive this grant.

The SDAT program is a collaborative effort between architects and other professionals (such as urban designers, landscape architects, planners, hydrologists, economists and attorneys, among others) assembled from across the country. 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.

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The SDAT process helps communities:

- understand their structure at various scales and contexts;
- explore interactions between ecological, sociological, economic and physical systems;
- visualize potential futures;
- articulate the qualities of a place;
- advance the principles of sustainable communities; and
- define the role of stakeholders and players in both the public and private sectors.

AIA Colorado South will release more information as it becomes available.

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.

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