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100% Support from AIA Florida Executive Committee for the 1% Program

Tallahassee, FL – Executive Committee members of the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects have pledged to support the “1% Program” by donating 20 hours each of pro bono architectural services in 2008. AIA Florida members are devoted to growing communities across the state and providing assistance when possible and the full support of the Committee will give a total of 200 hours donated!

“There are many things we can do as architects to help our environment, communities, and organizations. Architecture is for everyone to enjoy,” stated AIA Florida President Donald Yoshino, FAIA. “Our support of the 1% Program is just that – a way to bring architecture to more people and to do our part. I am glad that my fellow Committee members have joined me in this cause and I encourage more architects to do the same.”

“The 1%” is a program of public architecture that connects architects and design firms with non-profit organizations for pro-bono work. A nonprofit organization, Public Architecture launched the “1% Program” (formerly the 1% Solution) in 2005 with the support of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Broadly the 1% Program encourages architecture and design firms nationwide to pledge a minimum of 1 percent of their billable hours to pro bono service. More specifically it promotes the pro bono design and service of architecture and design firms nationwide. One percent of a normal eight hour work day is 4.8 minutes which over the course of a year equals 20 hours. The overall effect that this program can have is tremendous. If every architectural professional in the U.S. committed one percent of their time to pro bono service, it would add up to 5,000,000 hours annually – the equivalent of a 2,500 person firm working full time for the public good.

For more information go to www.theonepercent.org.

AIA Florida, headquartered in Tallahassee, represents the interests of nearly 3,700 architects in Florida. Members adhere to a code of ethics and professional conduct that assures the client, the public, and colleagues of an AIA member architect's dedication to the highest standards in professional practice.

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