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Architects to Build on Vision at Annual Convention in Palm Beach

Tallahassee, FL— Tomorrow, nearly 700 members, guests and vendors will create sustainable footsteps in Palm Beach County as they attend the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects' (AIA Florida) 2008 Annual Convention.

As the fifth largest AIA chapter in the country, AIA Florida annually hosts a convention that brings together hundreds of industry professionals to network, earn continuing education credits, and to celebrate members of the profession. This year's Annual Convention will take place Wednesday, July 30 to Sunday, Aug. 3 at the historic Breakers Hotel.

"The AIA Florida Annual Convention is a time-honored tradition that dates back more than 90 years," said Donald T. Yoshino, FAIA, AIA Florida president. "It continues to be the most anticipated event of the year among those in the architecture and allied design/build industries, and we enjoy providing such a venue for design professionals to come together and celebrate all things architecture."

Themed "*Step It Up - Moving Toward Our Vision*," the convention will include various high-profile speakers such as Paolo Soleri, who is an internationally known and award winning designer of an "all-green" city in Arizona; and Marshall Purnell, FAIA, president of AIA National, which boasts membership of more than 80,000 architects.

The Annual Convention will also include various local tours; a golf tournament at the recently restored 18-hole Ocean Course; a Survivor-themed party hosted by AIA Palm Beach; the **A-HA! Awards**, which is the annual tradeshow featuring more than 100 vendors; and the culminating event—the prestigious Florida/Caribbean Design & Honor Awards Program that celebrates great architectural design.

For more information about AIA Florida's Annual Convention, visit www.aiafla.org.

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Editor's Note: If you or someone from your organization is interested in attending the AIA Florida Annual Convention, please contact Monica McDonald at mmcdonald@aiafla.org. If you plan to attend the 2008 Florida/Caribbean Design & Honor Awards Program, a table will be available for you, however if you would like to have dinner, the cost is \$110.

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects, headquartered in Tallahassee, represents the interests of more than 3,600 members in Florida and the Caribbean. 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.