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Harrison and Straw Earn Certified Association Executive Credential

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) is pleased to announce that Barbara F. Harrison, Director of Administration and Michele L. Straw, Director of Communications/Public Relations have earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE™) credential from the American Society of Association Executives. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry. Less than five percent of all association professionals have earned the CAE.

To be designated as a Certified Association Executive, an applicant must have a minimum of three years of experience in nonprofit organization management, complete a minimum of 75 hours of specialized professional development, pass a stringent examination in association management, and pledge to uphold a code of ethics. To maintain the certification, individuals must undertake ongoing professional development and activities in association and nonprofit management. More than 3,600 association professionals currently hold the CAE credential. 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the CAE program.

“I am so very pleased to announce that Barbara Harrison and Michele Straw have successfully passed the CAE exam and are now credentialed with the highest professional designation in the association industry,” stated Vicki Long, CAE, AIA Florida Executive Vice President. “They have shown their commitment to excellence in providing our members with the highest quality and ethical management of the Association.”

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects, headquartered in Tallahassee, represents the interests of more than 3,700 members 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.

The American Society of Association Executives is a membership organization of more than 22,000 association executives and industry partners representing more than 11,000 organizations. Its members manage leading trade associations, individual membership societies and voluntary organizations across the United States and in 50 countries around the world.

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