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Florida Architects Association Elects First African American President

Tallahassee, FL – Orlando architect, Daniel Kirby, AIA, AICP, LEED AP was recently elected to serve as the 2012 president-elect for the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects. In this position, Kirby is the automatic successor to the Association's presidency in 2013 and will be the Association's first African American president.

AIA Florida members elected Kirby during the Association's annual meeting as part of the Annual Convention held in Naples (July 28-30)

Kirby is a hands-on leader that has engaged in AIA leadership at the local, state, and national level. He was elected AIA Florida Vice President and since 2008, being charged by two AIA Florida Presidents with leading advocacy efforts at the state level. Throughout his tenure, Kirby has not been afraid to confront those that would threaten the ability of architects practice through unfair and burdensome regulation.

During his service to AIA Florida, Kirby has worked with building officials and engineers to create the Guide to Professional Practice of Architects & Engineers in Florida; gained support to create and bestow the AIA Florida Legislator of the Year Award; established a new Florida Building Code advocacy strategy and fought attempts to undermine the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act.

"Architects are ready to lead at a time when that leadership is needed. We need to dismantle false choices, engage with others that share our interests and build connections in our communities," Kirby said.

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Editor's Note: A photo of Daniel Kirby, AIA, AICP, LEED AP is attached.

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.