



# Friday Facts

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## TBRC Votes in Favor of CP0002

In spite of recent news articles indicating the Tax and Budget Reform Commission (TBRC) was waffling on CP0002, the TBRC voted yesterday to approve the controversial proposal. CP0002 repeals the Required Local Effort (RLE) creating an \$8 to \$11 billion school funding budgetary hole that will require lawmakers to fund schools by raising the sales tax by:

- The repeal of sales tax exemptions, which are determined not to advance or serve a public purpose, except for the current exemptions, or
- An increase of up to one percentage point to the sales and use tax rate, or
- Spending reductions for other components, or
- Other revenues identified or created by the Legislature.

AIA Florida members attended several meetings with the TBRC; providing testimony that this amendment is headed in the wrong direction. On Thursday, AIA Florida Executive Vice President, Vicki Long, CAE, attended the meeting where CP0002 was finally approved. The final vote was 18-7 in favor of the proposal.

Supporters insist the budget hole created will provide an economic stimulus and will not force a sales tax on services. The jury is still out on that! Voters will be asked to determine the fate of the constitutional amendment in the fall.

## BOAID Funding Legislative Update

The Board of Architecture and Interior Design's (BOAID) legislative funding has been approved at a \$100,000 reduced level. Instead of its past funding level of \$525,000, the privatized investigatory and disciplinary

and Discovery Home and Gisue Hariri of Hariri & Hariri, just to name a few.

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functions stand at \$425,000. The reduction will force a prioritization of caseload management. HB 5047, containing language repealing BOAID's authority to contract-out for those services, is expected to die a natural death by end of Session.

### Energy Bill "On Hold" in the Senate

Senate Bill 1544 continues through the legislative process, but stalled earlier this week. It has reached a standstill as of Thursday where a third reading of the bill was temporarily postponed while leaders await delivery of the House version, HB 7135 (formerly PCB ERNC 08-01), which has over 40 amendments under review. AIA Florida will keep you posted on its status; however, this important bill may well be one of the last to be completed.

### SB 560 Placed on Senate Special Order Calendar

In last week's edition of *Friday Facts*, AIA Florida reported that SB 560, relating to Energy Efficiency and Conservation and provides discretionary power to the Florida Building Commission to implement recommendations regarding cost-effective, energy-efficiency standards for construction of all new residential, commercial, and governmental buildings by amending the Florida Efficiency Code for Building Construction, had been "rolled into" SB 1544. In a smart move to ensure its survival and its final passage, SB 560 continues as a "stand alone," separate bill and was approved by the Senate.

### AIA Florida Member Represents Industry at Meeting for Century Commission

Beth Lewis, AIA, LEED AP, represented AIA Florida's interests at the Monday meeting of the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida. One of the Commission's goals is to centralize the responsibility for identifying and purchasing priority lands for Florida. As it stands, there are several departments involved in this task, which sometimes leads to conflict. The Commission is developing work groups that will travel throughout Florida to identify priority land. AIA Florida will monitor their progress to find ways for architects to stay involved in these groups.

logging onto [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org).  
[CLICK HERE](#) to begin.

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## Quote of the Week

*Do not try to teach  
 design. Teach principles.*

-Frank Lloyd Wright

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## AIA Fellow Remembered for Innovative MiMo Design

Norman M. Giller, FAIA, past president of the Miami AIA component, died on Friday, April 18. He was 90 years old.

Giller worked on more than 10,000 structures during his 60-year career; many of which can be seen throughout South Florida. His most notable claim to fame involves his visionary design leadership in reshaping South Florida's landscape using Miami Modernism-or MiMo. The Legislature recognized his works by naming the bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway at the 192<sup>nd</sup> Street Causeway (in Miami) after him.

## Continuing Education

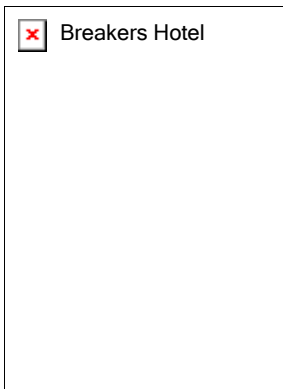
### AIA Florida 2008 Convention

*Step It Up: Moving Toward Our Vision*

The current schedule is available now on the AIA Florida website at [www.aiafla.org](http://www.aiafla.org) under Continuing Education - Annual Convention. Look for your brochure in the mail in late April. In an attempt to be more "green," a shortened brochure will be mailed and encouraging online registration. A downloadable form will also be available on the website when registration opens.

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The Breakers Hotel  
 Palm Beach, Florida  
 561-655-6611  
 Rate: \$155 + tax.  
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### Florida Cottage Design Competition

The Florida Foundation for Architecture is sponsoring the Florida Cottage Design Competition, specifically for AIA Florida Emerging Professionals!

A jury will select 10 entries, which will be presented at the Fourth Annual Emerging

Professionals Conference, October 17-18 in Miami. Cash prizes will be awarded at the Conference for first, second and third place winners!

The call for entries will be available on May 1st! More information will be available soon at [www.aiafla.org](http://www.aiafla.org).

## Chapter Happenings

### **AIA Palm Beach**

*8th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament*  
Abacoa Golf Club  
Friday, May 30  
For more information, visit  
[www.aiapalmbeach.org](http://www.aiapalmbeach.org)

### **AIA Florida Gulf Coast**

*2008 Sarasota Design Conference*  
"Design with a Conscience"  
June 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> @ Long Boat Key Club  
For more information please visit the SDC section of the website  
[www.aiafla-gulfcoast.org](http://www.aiafla-gulfcoast.org)

### **AIA Miami**

*6th Golf Tournament*  
June 6th 2008  
For information and registration 305-448-7488 or [www.aia.miami.com](http://www.aia.miami.com)

*REVIT v. 2009 workshop*

June 13 & 14  
For information and registration 305-448-7488 or [aiamia@bellsouth.net](mailto:aiamia@bellsouth.net)

### **AIA Orlando**

*19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament benefiting the Valencia Community College Foundation*  
Grand Cypress Golf Resort  
Friday, June 20th, 8:30 am Shotgun  
\$150 for AIA Members/ \$175 for Non-members  
Sponsorship opportunities available  
For more information please call AIA Orlando at 407-898-7006 or visit [www.aiaorlando.com](http://www.aiaorlando.com)

[For more events, visit our calendar.](#)

## **Welcome New Members!**

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