



Friday Facts

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This week's Friday Facts is
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Coverings is almost here! That's right -- the largest and most important ceramic tile and natural stone show in the Western Hemisphere -- returns April 29 to May 2 to the OrangeCountyConvention Center. Come experience Coverings, which features 1,200 exhibitors from more than 50 countries in 500,000 net square feet of exhibit space.

- Mix and mingle with leaders in the architecture and design communities. More than 37,000 distributors, retailers, contractors, fabricators, architects, interior designers, installers and manufacturers are expected to pack Coverings -- known as the premiere tile and stone event.
- Hear keynote speakers Chad Oppenheim, of Oppenheim Architecture + Design, Doug Wilson of The Learning Channel

2008 Session Wrap Up

As the 2008 Legislative Session ends today, AIA Florida wants to take a moment to thank you for your attention to, concern for and support of the issues that impact the profession the most. We prevailed on some issues, while the fight continues with others, but either way we will continue to make sure our voice is heard on Florida's Capitol Hill. Here's where we stand as Session comes to a close:

HB 5047 sought to remove the privatized investigatory and disciplinary services provided by a private contractor for the Board of Architecture and Interior Design (BOAID) and return these functions to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). At the close of Session, BOAID maintained control of these functions and will receive legislative funding of \$425,000; a \$100,000 reduction from last year's funding level. Additionally, BOAID will be required to provide financial reporting to DBPR.

HB 7135 (formerly SB 1544 and ERNC 08-01) was finally approved April 30. This bill will increase energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy throughout Florida, while adopting a strategy for businesses to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Of great importance to the architecture profession is the bill's focus on the need to build energy-efficient, state-owned buildings that meet environmental standards and provide energy savings over the life of the structure.

With this new legislation in place, state-owned buildings are now required to be constructed to comply with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED rating system, Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, the Florida Green Building Coalition standards, or some other nationally recognized, high-performance green building rating system. The state's goal is to ensure that state buildings operate in a manner that will minimize energy consumption and maximize building sustainability.

Other aspects of the bill include making sure renovations of existing state buildings are in accordance with one of the aforementioned rating systems; prohibiting state agencies from entering into new leasing agreements for office space that does not meet Energy Star

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

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Did You Know...

AIA has revamped its Architect Finder Tool. You no longer need to contact a third party or your local chapter. [CLICK HERE](#) to view, update or begin your profile.

AIA Working for You!

AIA will be hosting a webinar titled "The Risks

building standards; and requiring all state agencies to develop energy conservation measures and guidelines for new and existing office space occupying more than 5,000 square feet. Counties, municipals, school districts, water management districts, state universities, community colleges, and Florida state court buildings must adhere to HB 7135.

We applaud the Legislature for recognizing the importance of promoting the construction of energy-efficient and sustainable buildings.

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, has been laid on the table and substituted for HB 697. As of April 30, HB 697 received a unanimous vote in favor of the bill.

Another bill closely watched is **HB 1331**, sponsored by Rep. Richard Glorioso, R-Plant City. HB 1331 aims to repeal a provision of law that requires a portion of funds for state building construction to be used for the purchase and public display of artwork.

Since 1979, state law has required building plans to include 0.5 percent of total construction costs, capped at \$100,000 per project, for artworks to be placed outdoors and in other common areas, excluding private offices.

On April 30, the bill was passed in the House with a 110-7 vote in favor of removing the provision. As of *Friday Facts* print time, the bill was still under review. The Senate will decide later today on final approval.

While not a bill and not officially a part of the legislative Session, **CP0002** is a hotly contested proposal sponsored by the Tax and Budget Reform Commission (TBRC). CP0002 aims to repeal the Required Local Effort (RLE), creating a multi-billion dollar school funding budgetary hole. To restore those lost funds for schools, a one cent sales tax increase would be implemented and would eliminate some of the state's 246 sales tax exemptions. The only way to recoup the rest of this money (approximately \$4 to \$6 billion) is to tax currently untaxed services, which will directly impact the architecture and design industry. On April 17, CP0002 was approved for inclusion on the November ballot with a final vote of 18-7.

Another hot topic was the **Hometown Democracy** constitutional amendment that

and Rewards of Architect Led Design Build." This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the benefits and risks involved with architect-led design build. Topics will include financial considerations, bond issues and insurance requirements. The presentation will also provide a review of design build methods and models, and an exploration of unique construction techniques and tools in the field. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Quote of the Week

"The secret of life is to have a task, something you devote your entire life to, something you bring everything to, every minute of the day for the rest of your life. And the most important thing is, it must be something you cannot possibly do."

~Henry Moore

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proposes citizens vote on hundreds of technical land-use amendments every year. This puts an undue responsibility on citizens who may not have the knowledge, experience or time to make these types of decisions. This is why we have elected and appointed officials to represent the people.

In order to get this amendment on the ballot at least 611,009 signatures were needed by February 1. Hometown Democracy, the non-profit organization supporting the amendment, failed to meet the deadline and failed to secure the required number of signatures. However, their efforts continue for the 2010 voting cycle.

On a similar front, Rep. Dean Cannon, R-Winter Park, sponsored HB 7129, which seeks to provide other avenues for public input by requiring public meetings about a proposal before it is approved and reducing the number of times local government can amend its plan from twice to once a year.



AIA National Offers Best Practices Tool
SOLOSO, a new interactive tool offered by AIA National, allows AIA members to review best practices, colleague comments, relevant websites and much more! Members can create their own content and share their best practices for such topics as quality control.

[CLICK HERE](#) to begin your SOLOSO tour.

AIA Treasure Coast Member's Efforts Receive Renovation Award
Don Bergman, AIA, of Peacock and Lewis Architects/Planners Inc., was the renovation architect for the historic Gates and Gates Building in Fort Pierce. The building received the statewide Outstanding Renovation Award from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, the most prestigious statewide award for historic preservation.

Continuing Education

AIA Florida 2008 Convention

Step It Up: Moving Toward Our Vision

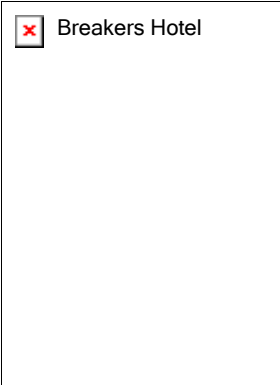
The current schedule is available now on the AIA Florida website at www.aiafla.org under Continuing Education - Annual Convention. Look for your brochure in the mail in late April. In an attempt to be more "green," a shortened brochure will be mailed, encouraging online registration.

The Convention summary and online

registration will be available on the AIA Florida website on Monday, May 5!

Book your Hotel room NOW. Don't be disappointed!

The Breakers Hotel
Palm Beach, Florida
561-655-6611
Rate: \$155 + tax.
When making a reservation, tell them you are with the Florida Association of The American Institute of Architects.



Reminder! Very few rooms are still available at The Breakers Hotel. Additional rooms have been blocked at The Colony Palm Beach, which is less than one mile from The Breakers. To make a reservation, call the number below and tell them you are with AIA Florida for the special rate.

The Colony www.thecolonypalmbeach.com
155 Hammon Ave.
Palm Beach, FL 33480
1-800-521-5525
Special Rate: \$155 single/double
Parking: \$15 per day. If guests stay two or more nights, this charge will be waived.

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!

For a summary of the competition, please [CLICK HERE](#). To view the registration information, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Chapter Happenings

AIA Palm Beach

8th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

Abacoa Golf Club

Friday, May 30th

For more information, visit

www.aiapalmbeach.org

AIA Florida Gulf Coast

2008 Sarasota Design Conference

"Design with a Conscience"-Good Design

Informed by Social Responsibility

Thursday, June 5th- Sunday, June 8th

The Long Boat Key Club

Tickets are on sale now. For more

information, visit

www.aiafla-gulfcoast.org/sdc

AIA**Miami**

6th Golf Tournament

June 6th 2008

For information and registration call 305-448-

7488 or visit www.aiamiami.com

REVIT v. 2009 workshop

June 13 & 14

For information and registration call 305-448-

7488 or email aiamia@bellsouth.net

AIA Orlando

19th Annual Golf Tournament benefiting the

ValenciaCommunity College Foundation

Grand

Cypress Golf Resort

Friday, June 20th, 8:30 am Shotgun

\$150 for AIA Members/ \$175 for Non-

members.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, please call AIA Orlando

at 407-898-7006 or visit www.aiaorlando.com

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

Welcome New Members!

Roberto J. Crespi, AIA (AIA Tampa)

Juan Carlos Robalino, Assoc. AIA (AIA

Southwest)

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