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AIA Florida News

Energy Conservation Bill Signed by Governor

 Florida Capitol

HB 7135 (formerly SB 1544 and ERNC 08-01) was signed into law by Gov. Crist on Thursday, June 26 during the 2nd Annual Climate Change Summit in Miami.

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) fully supported this bill designed to 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 architectural 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.

AIA Florida also sent an opinion editorial to newspapers across the state applauding the governor for passing such a comprehensive bill and noting the role architects will play in meeting the bill's sustainability requirements. The article was published in the Tallahassee *Democrat*, the *Florida Times Union*, the *Lakeland Ledger*, the *Ocala Star Banner*, the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, and the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*. To read the article, [CLICK HERE](#).

Coalition gearing up to Fight Tax Swap Amendment

AIA Florida, in conjunction with the Coalition to Protect Florida's Economy, will launch a public awareness campaign about the Tax and Budget Reform Commission's (TBRC) tax swap proposal that will be Constitutional Amendment 5 on the November ballot.

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During the 2008 Legislative Session, the TBRC voted to include the amendment on the November 4 ballot. If approved by 60 percent of voters, the amendment would repeal the Required Local Effort (RLE) for school funding, creating an \$11 billion school funding budgetary hole. To restore those lost funds, a one cent sales tax increase would be implemented and some of the state's 246 sales tax exemptions could be eliminated. 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 architectural and design industry.

office, education, and healthcare, among many other projects.

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Recognizing the danger of this issue, AIA National approved a grant that will support the coalition's voter awareness efforts. AIA Florida was selected to receive the \$10,000 grant to fight the proposal.

AIA Florida will keep you posted on the status of these efforts.

AIA Florida Focuses on Communicating the AIA Brand

Keeping in line with its five-year strategic plan, AIA Florida has been working diligently to better communicate the AIA brand--one of five bold steps in place to realize the Association's vision.



AIA Florida has stepped up public relations efforts by distributing more press releases, opinion editorials, and letters to the editors; and pitching more story ideas and member accomplishments to various media outlets. These efforts have resulted in increased media coverage of the Association and its members.

Since March, AIA Florida and its members have received coverage from nine major daily newspapers in Florida, and a few other state media, on various architectural topics. Coverage has included an editorial about the energy conservation bill, an article about the Annual Convention with Paolo Soleri and recognition of member accomplishments.

AIA Florida will continue to encourage media coverage and consumer awareness about architects and the architecture industry. If you or your firm have newsworthy information and need assistance getting media coverage or would like to have the information included in *Friday Facts*, please contact Monica McDonald, Communications & Public Relations Manager, at mmcdonald@aiafla.org or at 850-222-7590 to discuss.

1% Program Update

The latest update for the 1% Program shows that more and more AIA Florida members are getting involved. To date, **4,954 hours have been pledged from 39 firms!**

Thank you to all the firms and members who have made pledges. We still need more help and commitment to reach our goal of 40,000 hours pledged from the Florida/Caribbean region. To register

 [AIA Advocacy Banner](#)

Quick Links

- [AIA Florida Website](#)

- Contract Documents
- Classified Ads
- Check Your CE Transcript

Did You Know...

AIA has put together a tool kit of articles and stories regarding Integrated Project Delivery and BIM. [CLICK HERE](#) to view topics.

AIA Working For You

AIA creates and publishes AIArchitect, a monthly survey report on business conditions. [CLICK HERE](#) to view.

Quote of the Week

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"'Think simple' as my old master used to say - meaning reduce the whole of its parts into the simplest terms, getting back to first principles."

-Frank Lloyd Wright

Have a favorite quote?
Send them to
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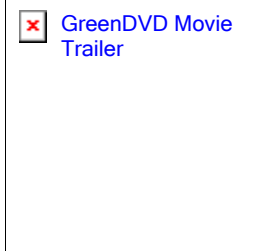
Firm Membership Dues Deadline Approaching Fast

The Firm Membership payment deadline is **Monday, June 30**. With all that your firm membership provides you and your business, you don't want to miss a day or the opportunity to have your firm profile in the Annual Firm & Membership Directory (distributed to more than 5,000 people in the related fields).

Firm dues can be renewed online by [CLICKING HERE](#), or firms may contact the AIA Florida office at 850-222-7590 for a renewal invoice.

High Risk of Green Buildings DVD Goes "Hollywood"

AIA Florida is proud to present "The High Risks of Green Buildings" DVD. Every architect that is designing for the southeast climate needs this course. Click on the image to the right for the movie trailer preview! You will see a sneak peek of this informative and fast-selling DVD.



The course, which is eligible for 3 LU hours, provides a point-by-point analysis of the LEED credits that are most likely to create problems in Florida climates and a description of the techniques that can decrease (or eliminate) those risks. To order a DVD, [CLICK HERE](#).

Registration Deadline for EP Competition almost here

Registration for the Florida Cottage Design Competition, which is specifically for AIA Florida Emerging Professionals, ends on **Monday, June 30**.

This year's competition is a joint effort between the emerging professionals and the Florida Foundation for Architecture to address a pressing concern of affordable and sustainable housing through the creation of a series of "Florida Cottages." [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up today!

A jury will review the submissions and select 10 entries. The selected entries 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.

Codes Corner: 2007 FBC Update

At the June meeting, AIA Florida led the discussion of eliminating the Florida Building Code (FBC) Core Course for newly registered architects in Florida. The



Education POC has taken this under advisement and will present this to the Building Commission. The Commission agreed to look into what would need to occur to eliminate this requirement from the statutes and will provide an update at the next FBC meeting.

Additionally, the governor's office did not make an appointment for the LEED certified member of the FBC during the June meeting. If you are interested, please submit your application to the governor's appointment office today and let AIA Florida know that you are submitting.

At the August FBC meeting, which will be held in Naples, the Commission will review all proposed glitch amendments to the 2007 edition of the FBC. Final acceptance of the proposed glitches will take place at the October meeting.

If anyone has any sections of the code that appear to have a glitch, please [CLICK HERE](#) to submit suggested code changes. If you make any code change submissions, please let AIA Florida know to allow for tracking.

Continuing Education

AIA Florida 2008 Convention

Step It Up: Moving Toward Our Vision

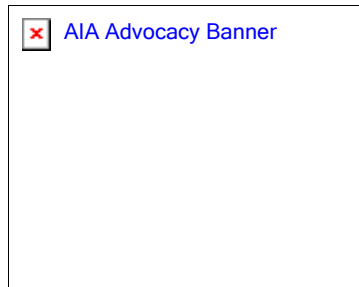
July 30-August 3, 2008



This year's Annual Convention will feature several great activities that are filling up fast. Check out these awesome tours and events and [Register Today!](#)

Diva Duck Tour

Join our very own Jim Anstis, FAIA, a native of West Palm Beach, as he takes you on the Diva Duck Tour, an amphibious vehicle that will take passengers over land and sea. Jim will narrate the tour and tailor the site visits to architecture-minded guests, all while making the tour fun for the whole family! Pick up for the Diva Duck Tour will be at the Breakers Hotel on Saturday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m. The fee is \$45 per person. For more information about the tour, [CLICK HERE](#).



BECK Golf Tournament

Palm Beach County is known for having great golf courses and hosting some of the biggest golf events in the world.

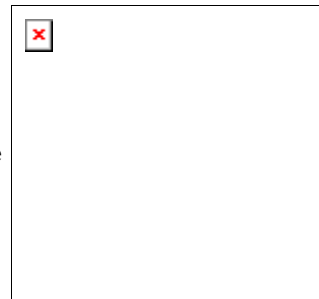
You can be a part of the Palm Beach golfing tradition by putting your swing in motion at the BECK Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 2 at 7:00 a.m. During the AIA Florida Annual Convention, you will get the opportunity to play on the 18-hole Ocean Course, which was recently restored to its original grandeur, with your fellow architects in a 4-person scramble. The entry fee is \$125 per person.

Bike Trails of Palm Beach Tour

Explore Palm Beach in a fun and healthy way by taking the Bike Trails Tour on Sunday, August 3 at 9:30 a.m. This eight mile guided tour includes bike rental and drinks. The cost is \$49 per person and you must provide your own transportation to the bike trail.

Worth Avenue Tour

Join fellow architects for this one-hour walking architectural tour that highlights the famed, world-class shopping in Palm Beach. The cost is \$35 per person and you must provide your own transportation to the tour.



The Breakers Hotel is now

booked. 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.

If your plans to attend this year's Annual Convention change, please contact Eileen Johnson before contacting the Breakers Hotel. You can reach Eileen at ejohnson@aiafla.org or 850-222-7590.

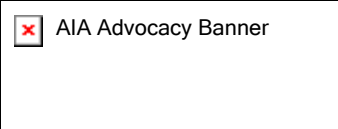
If you are interested in a hotel that is a little further from the Breakers, but may be more affordable, contact the hotels below.

- Four Seasons Palm Beach - 561-582-2800
- Chesterfield Hotel Palm Beach - 561-659-5800
- Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - 561-582-2585
- Hampton Inn West Palm Beach - 561-471-7800

Hot Topics for the Fall

By popular demand, AIA Florida is bringing back Hot Topics this fall. This year's Hot Topics will focus on the Florida Building

Code as the new code goes into effect December 31. Two advanced FBC course will also be available.



The seminars will be held September 24, 25 and 26 in Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando and Pensacola, respectively. Members can earn continuing education credits by attending these smoking hot seminars.

More information and registration will be available in July. Stay tuned!

Component Happenings

AIA Jacksonville

AIA Jacksonville/ASLA Baseball Night

Saturday, June 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tickets for adults are \$20 and \$10 for children under 10.

Food, drinks and sky deck seating are included.

To RSVP and to pay online, visit

www.aiajacksonville.org. For any questions, please contact Lane Manis at lane.manis@aiajacksonville.org.

Eastside/Sports District 2008 Design Charette

Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jacksonville Historic Society, 317 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. (adjacent to the baseball grounds). A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Fire Sprinkler Options in the IBC and Life Safety Code

Wednesday, August 20. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

The program is from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Earn 6 HSW continuing education credits.

The fee is \$50 for AIA members and \$65 for non-members.

To RSVP and to pay online, visit

www.aiajacksonville.org. Contact Lane Manis at lane.manis@aiajacksonville.org for more information.

Have your component's event listed here. Email them to Monica McDonald at mmcdonald@aiafla.org.

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

Welcome New Members!

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