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Design *A Message from the President*



Watching the movie Amadeus recently reminded me again of the similarities between music and architecture. Rhythm, tempo, and contrast are just a few words that come to mind. If you

have never seen the movie it is a somewhat fictional account of Mozart told through the eyes of a jealous contemporary Antonio Salieri, with often quite humorous scenes; and as an eight-time Oscar winner it is definitely worth watching again. One particularly funny scene occurs when the King after hearing Mozart's first performance of the opera The Marriage of Figaro tells Mozart that he thinks the music has "too many notes". Can you imagine if a client told you that you had "too many

bricks", and thank goodness no one told Fay Jones that he had "too many braces" in Thorncrown! We should be grateful for good clients.

It takes talent and hard work to win a design award, but we need to remember that it also often takes a great client to let the creative mind work as well. Congratulations to all of the design award winners at our recent convention. I have received a great deal of positive feedback regarding our recent convention. An allied member remarked yesterday that our product show is the best in the south and how they may cancel other shows but plan to keep coming to ours. You, the members, are the reason the expo is such a success. Thank you for taking the time to visit with our allied partners at the convention. Also, thanks again to Wesley Walls, Brent Stevenson and Associates, and the entire convention committee for their hard work.

The conventions seem to somehow get better every year!

One additional advantage of having David Basulto, the founder of Archdaily, at our convention was the nice exposure that AIA Arkansas received the following week on his website. ([article](#)) This year's lineup of speakers was wonderful and I thought that the speakers complimented each other very well. I hope that you left the convention inspired and renewed; if so we accomplished our goal.

Frank Barksdale, AIA
2011 President
AIA Arkansas

Calendar of Events

November 15, 2011 - Little Rock

Learnt in Translation-Peter Rich

November 19, 2011 - Little Rock

AIA Central Section Razorback Tailgate, 18th hole of War Memorial Golf Course

November 29, 2011 - Fort Smith

Sustainable Gypsum Board Products (1HSW/SD)

December 1, 2011 - Little Rock

AIA/ASID- Christmas party (5:30pm to 8:00 pm)

December 1, 2011 - Fayetteville

AIA/ASID/ASLA- Christmas party (5:30pm to 9:30 pm)

December 1 2011 - Fort Smith

Christmas party



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Thad Kelly III, AIA Elected to National Board of Directors, American Institute of Architects



During the 2011 AIA annual Arkansas' State Convention in Hot Springs, it was announced that Thad R. Kelly III had been elected to the National Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects. Kelly will be representing the Gulf States Region, composed of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Kelly is a local architect in private practice in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He will serve a three year term beginning in January 2012.

AIA and USGBC Agreement Saves Members 15%

The AIA and USGBC have entered into an agreement giving AIA members a 15% discount on select USGBC publications and webinars. This is in addition to the USGBC member rate, so AIA members (or chapters) who are already USGBC members receive an extra discount on top of their USGBC member discount. Please share this new benefit with your members or people you are marketing AIA membership to. To claim the 15% discount, members will enter "AIAGREEN" during webinar registration or bookstore checkout.

[Webinars & Publication Eligible for Discount](#)

2011 AIA State Convention Photos

Find all of the 2011 Convention Photos on our [Facebook Page](#)

Central Section Golf Tournament Proceeds Donated to Charity

Peter Kumpe, board member for Lions World Services for the Blind, accepting the \$800.00 check raised with mulligan money at our AIA Golf Tournament.



Pictured are Peter Kumpe with Williams & Anderson, Tim McMennamy & Chris Cerrato with Innerplan Office Interiors.

Member/Firm Announcements

BRR OPEN HOUSE



Join us for an Open House and celebrate BRR achieving LEED Gold Certification

Thursday, November 3rd from 3-6pm
Ribbon cutting ceremony with Bentonville Chamber of Commerce at 2:30pm.

- LEED Gold Certification presentation with the US Green Building Council at 5:00pm.
- Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

Location:
BRR Architecture
700 SE 5th Street, Suite 5
Bentonville, AR 72712
For more information, contact:
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Little Rock Architect's Art Book Featured at Museum of the City of New York's Bookstore

By Karen Martin

Little Rock artist and architect George Wittenberg's art book *Postcards From Harlem*, published in August, is featured in the Museum of the City of New York's bookstore. The museum, on Fifth Avenue at 103rd Street, is best known for exhibits that illustrate and reflect the history of New York City.



The postcards pictured were stamped, mailed from the post office at 125th Street, and canceled to include Harlem's unique postmark. Wittenberg spent two weeks in Harlem last fall drawing historic structures and places that caught his eye. Jamel Mansion, the oldest house in Harlem, is featured as one of the postcard art paintings. The book also features an art-lovers' walking map and guide to Harlem.

To purchase the book (\$20) [click here](#).

MAHG HAS MOVED

We are excited to announce that we have moved to a new location. As of August 22nd our offices are located @ 6400 Riley Park Drive in Fort Smith.



Residential Architect Magazine Names

Blackwell Top Firm in Country

The face of residential architectural design

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Residential Architect magazine has chosen the Fayetteville firm Marlon Blackwell Architect as its Top Firm for 2011.

Blackwell is a Distinguished Professor and head of the architecture department in the Fay Jones School of Architecture at the University of Arkansas. Meghan Drueding, senior editor for Residential Architect, wrote the feature that appears in the September/October issue, which hit mailboxes last week.

Drueding said Blackwell's firm is "ripe for being recognized, and one we feel people would want to know more about." In addition to the magazine profile story, Blackwell and his firm will be recognized at the eighth annual Residential Architect Reinvention Symposium, co-sponsored by the Phoenix chapter of the American Institute of Architects, in December in Phoenix. He will also participate in a session there regarding "The Future of Residential Practice."

Blackwell's firm stood out to the magazine editors for many reasons.

"They do really fantastic work; it's always really original and dynamic. It's so site specific and it's so sensitive," Drueding said. "Marlon and his staff are interesting people. They have such a great reputation among other architects. They've really built a well-respected practice."

In addition, Blackwell has been able to build a well-rounded practice, with projects of all scales. "It's a challenge to do all of that and be head of the architecture department," she said. "Everything they do, they do well."

Another aspect that makes his firm intriguing, Drueding said, is the large-scale projects they do, including the

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Congratulations

MEMBER CHOICE AWARD

PROJECT: *Oley E. Rooker Library*
FIRM: *Allison Architects, Inc.*
CONTRACTOR: James H. Cone, Inc.
LOCATION: Little Rock, Arkansas
PHOTOGRPAHER: Timothy Hursely

For the Otter Creek community, the Oley E. Rooker Library is a landmark and will be the first LEED certified project for CALS. Geothermal heating and cooling system, a high performance building envelope, and abundant day lighting are the many sustainable features employed to seek the goal of LEED Silver



HONOR AWARD

PROJECT: *The Ruth Lilly Visitors Pavilion*
FIRM: *Marlon Blackwell Architect*
CONTRACTOR: Geupel DeMars Hagerman
LOCATION: Indianapolis, IN
PHOTOGRPAHER: Timothy Hursely

The visitors pavilion is both a destination and a point of departure for the 100 Acre Art and Nature Park. Conceived to allow light and water to filter through its surfaces, a steel exoskeleton supports a folded surface of spaced wood members that transition seamlessly between horizontal deck and canopy.



MERIT AWARD

PROJECT: *The Polypod*
FIRM: *Bradley Edwards, Architect*
CONTRACTOR: David McElyea
LOCATION: Fayetteville, AR
PHOTOGRAPHER: Bradley Edwards, AIA

The Polypod is a simple outbuilding with a multitude of possible uses. The project consists of a polycarbonate shell and an exposed wooden frame. The roof, floor, and wall "fold" to become the vertical limits of all other materials and methods.



2011 Design Award Winners

MERIT AWARD

PROJECT: *Garland Center*
FIRM: *Amirmoez Foster Hailey Johnson*
HLKB Architecture, Associate
Architect for Design

CONTRACTOR: Baldwin & Shell Construction
Company

LOCATION: Fayetteville, AR

PHOTOGRAPHER: Timothy Hursely

Garland Center, a mixed-use gateway to the University of Arkansas, includes a parking garage, retail space and the University Bookstore. The garage is efficient, intuitive in use and enticing for the patron. Retail space adds shopping convenience & visual interest at a pedestrian level. A two-level Bookstore plus coffee shop and "store within a store" brands add a "wow" factor.



MERIT AWARD

PROJECT: *Green Forest Middle School*
FIRM: *Modus Studio*

CONTRACTOR: CDI Contractors

LOCATION: Green Forest, AR

PHOTOGRAPHER: Rett Peek

The Green Forest Middle School is a new modern 29,014sf 2-story middle school providing classrooms, administration, special education and a library with simple, elegant and economical materials and spaces to celebrate education and daylight. The building acts as both a hub and backdrop for students and the inhabitants of the greater community by defining a landscaped plaza in the heart of the campus.



MERIT AWARD

PROJECT: *University of Arkansas, Leflar Law School Addition*

FIRM: *Cromwell Architects Engineers, Inc.*

CONTRACTOR: Nabholz Construction Company

LOCATION: Fayetteville, AR

PHOTOGRAPHER: Timothy Hursely

The 72,000 sf addition to the University of Arkansas Leflar Law Center houses a library room and archives, classroom/seminar rooms, a 200 seat auditorium and courtroom and offices. The addition puts a new face on the school, re-engages the University community, and encompasses a theme of openness and accessibility.



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CITATION AWARD

PROJECT:

The Green River Community Center

FIRM:

Marlon Blackwell Architect

LOCATION:

Green River, UT



The Green River Community Center is the hub for social, recreation, educational and political activity in a barren desert community. Its design illustrates the importance of energy conservation and the relationship between people, the built environment and the natural world. It approaches sustainable design as being born out of place

RAZORBACK

TAILGATE

SAVE THE DATE

aia ar associates

NOVEMBER 12

uofa gardens gazebo

FAYETTEVILLE

Emerging Professionals Tailgate

Game:

ARKANSAS vs TENNESSEE

Date:

November, 12

Time:

TBA (based on kick-off time)

Where:

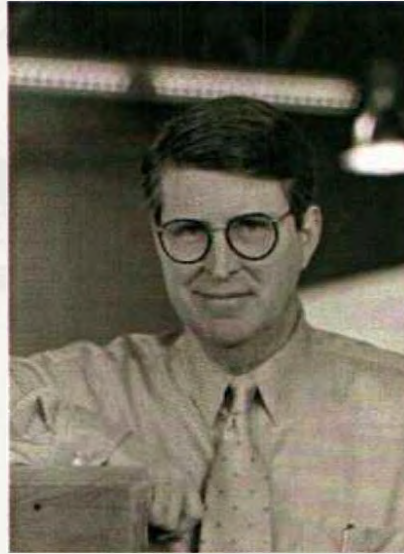
Scharlau Family Gazebo
The Gardens on the UofA campus

Come join the State AIA Emerging Professionals Committee as we cheer for the Razorbacks! All AIA members, Associates, FJSOA students, and anyone curious about AIA are invited. Members of the EP committee as well as the state IDP coordinator will be there and willing to answer any questions. More details will follow as the kickoff time is announced. No doubt, there will be great food and great people! Please RSVP to [Rachel Smith Loerts](#)

Congratulations Chapter Award Winners

Charles Witsell, FAIA Receives the 2011 Fay Jones Gold Medal

Over his career, as an architect, Charles Witsell has pursued his interest in historic preservation with a passion, giving freely of his time and talents to various professional, community and religious organizations. He is an author and a noted public speaker; he has also taught classes on the subject of historic Arkansas architecture at the University of Arkansas and at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. His lifetime of experience and knowledge of historic structures in Arkansas has made him a very significant resource to those who are seeking information and guidance in the field of preservation in our state.



Mr. Witsell has also been an accomplished practitioner, working on over 200 National Register buildings and dozens of others in his career. In new construction, Mr. Witsell is experienced in many building types, reflecting forty years of commitment to his profession. The majority of his design and design management of new construction are in ecclesiastical, educational, governmental and residential structures.

Charles Witsell, Jr, FAIA was born on June 10, 1944. He attended Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri where he

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Chris Baribeau, AIA Receives the 2011 Emerging Professionals Award

Chris Baribeau, AIA is the Principal Architect of the Fayetteville, Arkansas-based firm, Modus Studio, which he co-founded in 2008. Since graduating from the University of Arkansas Fay Jones School of Architecture he has worked on a wide range of well received, award winning, and widely-published architectural projects in the region and nation. Chris draws daily inspiration and experience from this place, inhabiting the threshold between the natural and manmade world of the Ozarks. Awareness and observation of the world is a constant

source for design and an unwritten instruction manual for living.



Modus Studio is a young, progressive and talented design-thinking collective that bridges the design profession with architecture, graphic, prototyping, and fabrication work. The studio follows the idea that architecture is a source and result of experience, founded in thoughtful design. The experience of architecture can be inspiring to all people in a daily, practical, and sustainable way. All people deserve good space derived from good ideas--and this is the mode in which we operate.

US Green Building Council, Arkansas Chapter Receives the Award of Merit

The U.S. Green Building Council- Arkansas Chapter was formed in 2001 as a nonprofit affiliate of the national U.S. Green Building Council. The Arkansas Chapter has grown every year since its founding and now includes 350 members from across the state representing architects, contractors, builders, green product manufacturers, distributors, engineers, building owners and state and local government officials. The Chapter has two active branches in Central and Northwest Arkansas and a provisional branch in Northeast Arkansas. Key programs of the chapter include Education, Advocacy, Community

Outreach, and Green Schools. In 2011, the Arkansas Chapter significantly expanded its Education Offering to offer over 60 separate educational programs, workshops and tours- many that offer local, affordable AIA, PE and GBCI continuing education credits.

USGBC- Arkansas joined with the AIA Arkansas in 2011 for the first statewide REALgreen Conference bringing nationally recognized leaders in sustainability to the state. The Chapter ranks in the top ten US states on a per capita basis for both LEED Project Certification (52 Commercial and 30 Homes) and LEED Accredited

Professionals (490). The Chapter is committed to the vision of green buildings for all communities within a generation.



Allied Member Announcements

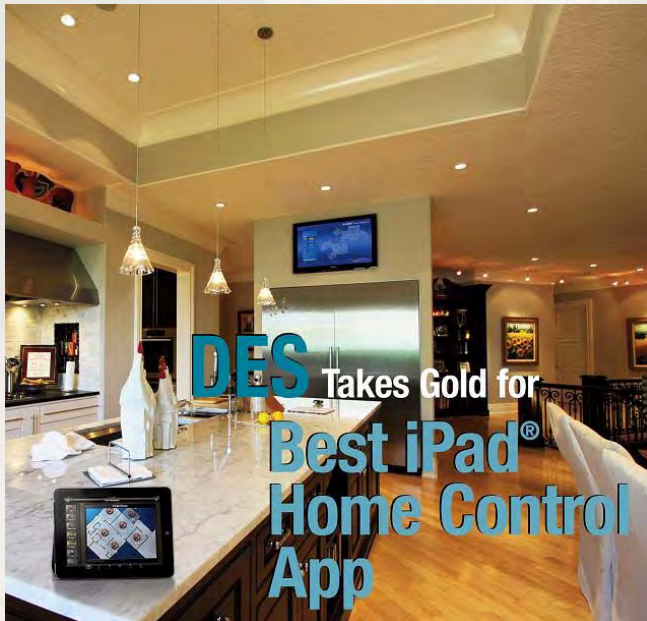
DES RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR iPad APP

Crestron Integration Awards Highlight Integrators' Achievements

DES has won the 2011 Crestron Integration Award in the category of "Best iPad Home Control-Gold" in a contest open to all North American Crestron dealers.

Crestron's seventh annual Integration Awards for residential dealers celebrates the achievements of integrators who have embraced Crestron's Total Home Technology solutions, resulting in some of the most spectacular and innovative system designs.

"We developed HomeSuite Mobile to meet the growing demand from our customers for mobile control of their home's electronic systems," said Kevin Lambidonis, DES CEO and Director of Business Development. "Our manufacturers provide their own apps for mobile devices, but we didn't want our customers to have to learn a new operating system."



The DES software development team created an app that incorporates Apple's Human Interface Guidelines, such as drag-and-drop and pinch-to-zoom, while maintaining a similar control interface as DES's touch panels and television interface controls. HomeSuite Mobile provides control for Audio, HVAC, Lighting, Paging, Intercom, Security and Surveillance from any supported Apple iPad over a secure 3G or WiFi connection.

"DES demonstrates how a talented dealer can differentiate themselves and create a product that is unique to them with the tools that exist today," said Crestron Regional Sales Manager, Matt Lien.

George Feldstein, Crestron's founder, presented the trophy at an awards ceremony held at the Custom Electronic Design and Installation Association (CEDIA) EXPO in Indianapolis on September 9, 2011. Dealers submitted more than 170 projects for the contest.

To see a case study of the winning project [click here](#).

Natural Building Solutions

Seeks Green Building Certification

Viridian recently registered Natural Building Solutions in Little Rock, Arkansas with the U.S. Green Building Council to become a LEED certified building.

The project is a 6,000 square-foot renovation of a building located at 1711 Rebsamen Park Road in the heart of the Riverdale neighborhood. The building will be transformed into a high performing LEED building that will be 30-40% more energy efficient, uses 60% less water, built with materials that are non toxic, contain a high percentage of recycled content, and are sourced from regional manufacturers. The project is seeking a Gold level certification through the USGBC LEED rating system.

Natural Building Solutions is a retailer that provides non-toxic building materials that are certified safe, environmentally friendly and sustainable. The products that they retail include Mythic Paint, Plyboo, Caroma, and Richlite to name a few. They currently have a Northwest Arkansas location at 3244 College Avenue in Fayetteville, AR. To learn more about the company and the products they sell you can visit the website at www.getnaturalusa.com

"We are excited to have the opportunity to work on such an exciting project. The greenest buildings are always the ones that are already built. Natural Building Solutions has a unique opportunity to transform a decades old building into a state-of-the-art retail facility that is environmentally friendly, energy efficient, and provides a healthy space for their employees and customers. Natural Building Solutions is walking the walk and as a result they will have a building that showcases the sustainable products they sell while creating a legacy that is environmentally responsible," said Matt Bell, a partner at Viridian.

The Natural Building Solutions building is being designed by Modus Studio of Fayetteville, Arkansas, with Viridian as the sustainability consultant and Kinco Construction serving as the general contractor.

Employment Opportunities

Architect - Federal Group

Grow with Garver! Building our architectural team to seamlessly meet our clients' needs, Garver is seeking an Architect to join our Federal Design team. Garver, a multi-disciplined engineering firm, recently expanded its services by providing in-house architecture to clients. We believe that overall project design is improved by simplifying the interaction and communication between engineering and architecture teams. We are looking for an architect who would be excited to join us in expanding our capabilities, and who appreciates blending functional requirements with aesthetic concepts.

The right candidate will have 5 to 15 years of overall experience in efficient and aggressive project delivery methods. Strong skill sets in building technologies, construction documents assembly, building systems integration, specification development, project communications, and leadership abilities are required. Must be able to integrate into an in-house multi-disciplinary team setting. Candidates should have extensive experience with Auto-Cad and /or Microstation. BIM experience is a plus. LEED AP preferred.

Garver is a multi-disciplined engineering, planning, and environmental services firm committed to quality practices, progressive methods, and honorable relationships. With a great package of perks, including an on-site gym and 100% paid employee health insurance, this is a great opportunity to advance your career in the A/E/C industry. Apply online today at www.garverusa.com.

Architectural Sales Department Opening

Scope: Day to day interaction with design-oriented architects in promoting exterior & interior veneer materials

Qualified applicant must have 2 yrs. Outside sales in architectural sales experience OR be a licensed architect/engineer OR 2 years in commercial construction mgmt. field. Candidate must be well-versed in MS Office (Powerpoint), Auto-Cad, & BIM knowledge/experience would be helpful.

Pay to include Base + Commission (BOE). Benefits include Health Insurance, Car, & Expenses.

Email resume to jason@antiquebrickinc.com

Architect LEED AP

Aerotek is seeking a licensed Architect, LEED AP with commercial, institutional and government design experience for an opportunity in Little Rock, AR. Please call Wren Ward or Ashley Watts at 501-708-0250 or email tkeller@aerotek.com to submit resumes.

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obtained a Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1966 and where also he obtained a Master of Architecture in 1968. Upon graduation, Charles returned to Little Rock and went to work for the Cromwell Firm where he was able to work with and for his mentor, Ed Cromwell. In 1973 he became a registered architect in Arkansas and he remained at the firm until 1978. In 1978 Witsell joined Don Evans to form Witsell and Evans Architects/Planners to take advantage of the popular new tax credits for historic preservation and restoration. Witsell has served as senior principal of the firm, which became Witsell, Evans, Rasco (WER) in 1984, since its founding.

During his tenure as president, the firm has grown and prospered winning dozens of awards along the way. A 21-person firm located in Little Rock the WER partnership is noted for its tradition of architectural excellence and for its commitment to cultural, academic and scientific institutions, as well as its celebrated achievements in historic preservation.

Mr. Witsell's passion for preservation is evident in the numerous leadership roles that he has held in the past and in the ones he continues to hold today. He has served on the Board of Advisors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Arkansas Commemorative Commission, which is responsible for the Old State house and Trapnall Hall, and he is currently Vice Chair of the Historic Arkansas Museum. He has previously served on the boards of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas, the Quapaw Quarter Association, and the Governor's Mansion Association. He was vice-chair of the Little Rock Historic District Commission and served on the Mayor's Task Force on Historic preservation.

For his efforts, he has been awarded the Jimmy Strawn Award by the Quapaw Quarter Association, the McGimsey Award for contribution to Arkansas Archaeology, the Ledbetter Award for Books on Arkansas, The Westbrook Award by the Preservation Alliance, and with his wife Becky, they were the honorees for the establishment of an endowment for the establishment of scholarships for preservation education.

Mr. Witsell has received two American Institute of Architects (AIA) commendations, he is a former director of the Arkansas chapter of the AIA and he was named a Fellow by the AIA in 1987 for his significant contribution to architecture. Additionally, he has coauthored one book, written thirty-seven articles, delivered over 100 lectures and he is in the early stages of another book on Arkansas architecture.

His works can be found from Lake Village to Fayetteville and Texarkana to Jonesboro featuring such preservation projects as the Old State House, the Confederate State Capitol in Hempstead County, the Hempstead County 1874 Courthouse, a number of projects with the current Arkansas State Capitol and numerous residences and other building types. In the area of new construction he played a significant role on the Richard Sheppard Arnold United States Courthouse addition and remodeling, the Episcopal Collegiate School in Little Rock, the First United Methodist Church in Texarkana and new Episcopal churches in Conway, Jacksonville, Russellville and Little Rock. Additionally, he played a significant role on buildings on seven college campuses in Arkansas among numerous other projects.

When one surveys the life of Charles Witsell, Jr. it becomes quite obvious that his career has not been a job, but it has been a passion. It is also quite obvious that this passion has benefited all Arkansans greatly, whether they realize it or not.

Advocacy Issues

Call For Action: Tell Your Congressman to Repeal

In a little more than a year from now, government agencies will be required to increase the amount of money they withhold from companies that perform public work. Congress is debating a bill to stop the withholding, but they need to hear from you to make sure it passes.

The withholding law, which was enacted without any debate or discussion in 2005, mandates that federal agencies, states, and certain local governments withhold three percent of nearly all of their contract payments, starting in 2013. Compliance with this law will impose significant, unnecessary financial burdens on architecture firms that do business with any government agency, including many school districts, and will essentially give government an interest-free loan on the backs of small businesses.

This withholding will be a flat percentage of revenues from government payments, that bears no relationship to companies' taxable incomes, and will restrict the cash flow that firms need for day-to-day operations and investments. In addition, it will impose substantial administrative and capital investment costs on businesses and governments struggling to comply - hitting small firms the hardest. Ironically, the provision will cost more to implement than it is estimated to raise in new revenue, which completely defeats its intended purpose.

The House will soon take up H.R. 674, authored by Congressmen Wally Herger (D-CA) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), which would repeal this provision that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2013. Now is the time to tell Congress to repeal this law. Please take just a moment to send your members of Congress a message through the AIA's advocacy center. [Click here](#) to send your message.



Survey Says: Small Business Outlook Declined, Wants Government to Get Out of the Way

By Bill Miller, Senior Vice President and National Political Director, US Chamber of Commerce

American small businesses want to create, grow, hire and help bring back our economy. So what's holding them back?

The answers are in the [Small Business Outlook Survey for the third quarter](#), which was recently conducted and released.

According to the survey, a majority of small businesses (52%) still perceive their biggest challenge as economic uncertainty and nine out of ten think our country is headed in the wrong direction.

In addition to economic uncertainty, small businesses continue to have major concerns about recent legislation-including the health care bill-and over-regulation.

[Click here to view the full results of the survey.](#)

Small business owners want to grow their businesses and create more jobs. But right now, they're scared of what Washington will roll out next.

It is exactly that uncertainty that's preventing small businesses from hiring, with the survey showing only 17% planning to hire in the next year - down from 19% this summer.

With an overwhelming majority asking for government to get out of the way, it's no wonder that three-quarters of small businesses also have an unfavorable view of the president's "jobs" plan and prefer market based solutions to increase American energy, speed up permitting and tax incentives to hire.

[We invite you to click here today to view the full results of our Q3 Small Business Outlook Survey.](#)

Small business owners have made it clear: the key to their growth lies in getting government out of the way.

STANDARDIZING CONTINUING EDUCATION

Adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers

Beginning 2012 - 12 HSW REQUIRED

Start obtaining necessary credits now!

[For More Details Click Here](#)

FINAL PHASE OF IDP 2.0

NCARB will implement the final phase of Intern Development Program (IDP) 2.0 in April 2012. This phase will include new experience categories and areas, simplified experience settings, and an enhanced electronic system to report IDP experience.

[For More Information Click Here](#)

You've probably heard the rumor for a while now, but to confirm, YES, it is true that effective August 1, 2011, ARE + IDP Concurrency is in effect in the state of Arkansas. This means simply that an intern enrolled in the IDP program, as established by NCARB, who also holds an accredited degree, is eligible to register for the Architect's Registration Exam. It is no longer required for an intern to complete all of his or her IDP Training Units before registering for the exam, all portions of the ARE are available, and there is no specified wait upon graduation to register.

This change has been a long time coming, and now that it is finally in effect, there are sure to be questions and possibly even an influx of registrants for the exam. Please contact Candi Adams, state IDP Coordinator, at cladams.architect@gmail.com or (870) 833-7959 or contact the ASBALAID office, with any questions. Also, please watch your AIA emails and the AIA Arkansas website for information to be distributed that will guide you through the process of registering as an intern for the exam.

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renovation of Vol Walker Hall and the simultaneous addition of the Steven L. Anderson Design Center, which just broke ground earlier this month on the University of Arkansas campus. His firm is the project's lead architect, in conjunction with Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects of Little Rock and Fayetteville. Blackwell's firm is also part of the design team for the addition to Fayetteville High School. He worked with DLR Group of Kansas City and Hight-Jackson Associates of Rogers for this project, which is under construction. His firm also designed the recently completed museum store at the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, which opens Nov. 11, in Bentonville.

Drueding noted the fact that Blackwell's firm had teamed up with other firms to work on some of those major projects. "Marlon's such a smart guy, and all of the people who work there are really talented," she said. "They're such a great example of how to do things."

Blackwell's firm started as a residential firm and has gradually diversified its work, he said. "It's an honor to be recognized as a firm that's contributing in a significant way to the residential

architecture discourse," he said. "It demonstrates that good design can happen just about anywhere."

Residential design can be tricky because homes are so personal, he said, plus they are typically the largest investment a person makes in a lifetime. "Trying to design something for people to inhabit and live with on a daily basis presents a greater challenge than a public or commercial building. They have to live with it 24/7," he said. "Its scale is deceptive in terms of the challenge."

Previous winners of the Top Firm award include Centerbrook Architects and Planners in Centerbrook, Conn.; Mithun in Seattle and San Francisco; Frank Harmon Architect, in Raleigh, N.C.; Muse Architects in Bethesda, Md.; Pyatok Architects in Oakland, Calif.; Ehrlich Architects in Culver City, Calif.; and Koning Eizenberg Architecture in Santa Monica, Calif.

Drueding estimated that there are between 20,000 and 30,000 architects in the United States who specialize in residential work. There aren't many venues for recognizing firms that do residential work, she added.

"Every year, we like to pick out some firms to award that we just think are doing great work, and that can kind of serve as the leading lights of the residential architecture profession," she said.

Their process isn't a very scientific one. "It's more that we have people on our radar, or we've had people on our radar for years," Drueding said. "There are people we've gotten to know, and that we're hearing more about. It ends up being a simpler process than you might think."

Blackwell is a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He also served on the jury for the 2011 Residential Architect Design Awards.

Residential Architect has a circulation of 20,000 and is the official residential architecture magazine of the American Institute of Architects. In addition to Top Firm, the magazine selects Hall of Fame and Rising Star recipients for its leadership awards, which it has handed out for 11 years.

Opportunity Knocks

Help Design The New Bridge

Metroplan, representing the communities connected by the Broadway Bridge over the Arkansas River in Little Rock/North Little Rock, Arkansas invites design professionals (architects, engineers or architectural or engineering students) to submit design concepts for a replacement for the Broadway Bridge.



The purpose of this design competition is to help identify the bridge concept (the type and style) for the replacement structure that the citizens of the community prefer. The results of the competition will be used to inform the local elected officials and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department of the desires of the community.



TIMELINE:

- * Open Submittals - October 21 through November 21, 2011.
- * Public Voting - November 23 through December 2, 2011
- * Juried Selection - December 14, 2011

NOTE: Entrants may submit as many designs as they would like.

For more information visit <http://newbroadwaybridge.org/>
[Enter the Bridge Competition](#)

Call for Proposals

*2012 Arkansas Preservation Conference
Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 16-18, 2012
Deadline for submission: November 7, 2011*

The Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas and the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program are currently accepting proposals for the 2012 Preservation Conference. The audience for the conference includes City and County Planners, Historic District Commissioners, Preservation Educators, Main Street Communities, Architects, State and Federal Employees, and Public Historians.

Each year the Arkansas Preservation Conference presents high-quality sessions, workshops, and tours that address some of the most important issues facing preservationists in Arkansas and the region. The conference is also designed to highlight the successes and challenges of the host region. In 2012 this will be Fort Smith and northwest Arkansas. The Conference Steering Committee seeks sessions that will be interactive, engage the audience, present fresh approaches, and be easily applicable to participants.

Click [here](#) for more details.

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To learn more about the 2011 Beyond Green™ High-Performance Building Awards, please download the Call for Entries and click on the links to the left. Visit the SBIC Web site frequently for program updates, including the jury announcement and details about the Capitol Hill briefing. This year's deadline for entries is November 15, 2011.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Kimberly Lowry by phone at (202) 628-7400, extension 200 or by email at: sbic@sbicouncil.org.

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