

FREE DESIGN AID!

AIA MN Search for Shelter Design Charrette – February 10-12, 2012

Dear Affordable Housing Supporter,

Does your organization have a design dilemma that could benefit from the talents and skills of a voluntary design team? If so the AIA Minnesota Housing Advocacy Committee's **Search for Shelter Design Charrette** could be the answer to that problem.

The Search for Shelter Design Charrette is celebrating its 26th year helping local and regional affordable housing organizations envision beautiful, innovative design solutions to projects that previously existed only in written form. This has allowed organizations to have a powerful visual tool to present to key players in order to get the project up and running, such as the community and funders.

This beneficial event will take place **February 10-12, 2012** at Rapson Hall on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus. The charrette will begin on Friday evening with an opening program where projects will be introduced and conclude on Sunday with final presentations. The work accomplished over this single weekend is truly remarkable.

In order for this great event to take place we need projects from organizations, such as yours. Projects in the past have included a redesigned building entry, a new lobby, and revitalization ideas for empty lots that have enhanced the already amazing work local organizations are doing in the housing industry.

If you have a project that you would like to submit please fill out the included application and submit **no later than Friday, January 20th, 2012**. Applications are also available online on the Housing Advocacy Committee page at www.aia-mn.org. Participating organizations need to be present Friday evening and Sunday at noon of the charrette weekend.

Thank you for your time and interest, we look forward to receiving your project!

Sincerely,

Dana Murdoch, AIA & Jackie Peck, AIA
AIA Housing Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs



PROJECT SUBMITTAL FORM (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Please type or print legibly and return by Friday, January 20, 2012.
An electronic version of this form has been made available online at
www.aia-mn.org/int_committees/housing.cfm

Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Contact Person _____
Phone Number _____

Brief Description of Organization's Purpose: _____

Brief Description of Organization's Potential Project: _____

Project Site (If known): _____

Have you previously worked with an architect/builder/developer on this project?
Yes ___ No ___

Briefly, how do you feel a charrette team's efforts might help this project:

PLEASE NOTE: If your project is selected, you will be notified and asked to provide as much of the following information as possible no less than one week before the charrette: site plan or survey, photos, existing building drawings, an outline of needs, etc. This information is important in forming an appropriate design team for your project. Copies of this information will be given to team members working on your project.

If your project is chosen, a representative from your agency must be present at the Friday Opening Program on February 10, 2012 to introduce your agency and project and meet with your design team. A representative must also be present at the concluding program, which will be held Sunday, February 12 at noon. Teams from all projects will present their final solutions, and a chance for an informal Q & A will follow.

Signed _____
Date _____ / _____ / _____

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