



November 7, 2011
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT

Stephanie Pelzer, Awards Program Director
pelzer@aia-mn.org

AIA Minnesota Recognizes the 2011 Louis Lundgren Recipient



MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA – Doug Westby, AIA is the recipient of the AIA Minnesota 2011 Louis Lundgren Award. This award recognizes individuals for their dedication to the profession of architecture through their volunteer activities in our communities and with the AIA. AIA Minnesota's Committee on Design considered Westby's volunteerism to be exemplary.

Doug Westby has a strong history of commitment and advocacy throughout the architectural profession and his own community. He has mentored numerous young architects for over 40 years through both his firm and the University of Minnesota College of Design. He was also leader of the intern group within his firm.

Westby has also been an active member in the Minnesota Architectural Foundation, which provides advocacy and capital for the advancement of architecture in Minnesota through a variety of funding and programs. He spearheads the Thomas F. Ellerbe Scholarship Committee, which for the past 30 years has provided scholarships to the University of Minnesota architecture and engineering students. He volunteered numerous hours researching the history of the scholarship to document its legacy, which was used to receive additional funding for the program.

Westby has a strong tie to his community through his church is South Minneapolis where he has served on the Church Council Board and facilitated the Adult Forum. He has also participated in numerous mission trips including traveling to Argentina to establish a clinic and to India to become more involved in a child sponsorship program.

Recently retired from 40+ years at Ellerbe Becket (now AECOM), Westby now devotes most of his time volunteering with the Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry helping modernize a small Nigerian hospital. "Westby has always found ways to give back to both the architectural and local community and is a great example of the candidate we look for in this award," quotes a member from the Committee on Design.

Doug Westy, AIA will receive his award at the annual AIA Minnesota Awards Dinner on December 2, 2011 at McNamara Alumni Center in Minneapolis.

The American Institute of Architects Minnesota, founded in 1892, is dedicated to strengthening our communities, improving our built environment and providing exceptional design. For more information on the organization and Minnesota architectural firms, reference our Web site at www.aia-mn.org and pick up a copy of Architecture Minnesota, the award-winning architectural magazine of the Midwest.