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## **The American Institute of Architects Announces Phillip G. Koski, AIA, as Recipient of 2007 AIA Young Architects Award**

*Minneapolis, Minnesota* - The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has selected Phillip G. Koski, AIA, Inland Office for Tomorrow's Architecture (IOTA), as one of six outstanding architects to receive the 2007 Young Architects Award for leadership in design and service to the profession of architecture.

"Receiving the AIA National Young Architects award is obviously a great honor for me personally," says Koski. "I also find it very encouraging that within the profession we recognize architects who venture out beyond conventional practice - beyond our service to paying clients. What I do outside of work has a huge value for me, and it's gratifying that it also means something to the leadership of the AIA." Koski, a recipient of the 2002 AIA Minnesota Young Architect Award, was supported by AIA Minnesota and the AIA architects nominating him for the award. "AIA leaders sensed a promising career for Phillip early on," notes Tim Carl, AIA, AIA Minnesota Awards Committee Chair, "It's great to have Phillip be nationally recognized."

*An excerpt from the AIA National press release (January 26, 2007):*

Phillip Koski, AIA, owner, IOTA, Minneapolis, brings to the profession a unique perspective and the maturity to act as a public servant, writer, advocate, and innovative entrepreneur. An engaged "citizen architect," he was appointed by the Minneapolis City Council to serve on the volunteer Historic Preservation Commission, which he currently chairs. His participation in Minneapolis' civic networks, combined with a passion for historic preservation, extends to the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, League of Historic American Theaters, and St. Anthony Falls Heritage Preservation Board.

In his work for Hammel Green and Abrahamson and later with his own firm IOTA, Koski has proved himself a talented preservationist and designer. He also has put his talent for writing to good use as a contributor to *Architecture Minnesota* magazine since 2001. He serves as chair of AIA Minnesota's editorial committee and worked on the redesign of the chapter's magazine, newsletter, and web site. "Phillip does everything with charm, humor, candor, wisdom, and deep dedication to the profession and the city in which we live," writes Julie Snow, FAIA, in her letter of nomination. "... Phillip defines a fresh and engaged version of architectural practice."

Since the program's inception in 1993, eleven AIA Minnesota architects have received an AIA National Young Architects Award including: Joan M. Soranno, AIA, 1993; Vicki L. Hooper, AIA, 1993; William A. Blanski, AIA, 1995; Michael Fischer, AIA, 1996; Robert Rothman, AIA, 1996; Jeffrey Kagermeier, AIA, 2001; Mohammed Lawal, AIA, 2002; Paul Neuhaus, AIA, 2003; Janis LaDouceur, AIA, 2004; James Dayton, AIA, 2006; and Phillip Koski, AIA, 2007.

The Young Architects Award is conferred, regardless of age, to those in an early stage of their architectural careers. It honors architects who have been practicing ten years or fewer and show exceptional leadership in design, education, and/or service to the profession. The Young Architects Award will be presented to the recipients at the AIA 2007 National Convention and Design Exposition in San Antonio in May.

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