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AIA Minnesota Announces North Central States Regional Director

Minneapolis, Minnesota - - Linda McCracken-Hunt, AIA, Studio Five Architects, has been selected by the AIA Minnesota Board to serve as the next North Central States Regional Director to AIA National. Linda will join Bill Beyer, FAIA, Stageberg Beyer Sachs, in serving our region on the AIA National Board of Directors and represent Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota.

As a regional director, she will serve on various national committees, providing AIA Minnesota with a valuable direct link to AIA National. Linda has a strong interest in national-level procurement reform policies that affect the possibility of alternative project delivery models for the public sector. The interior designer certification and practice legislation is also active at the national level. In the broad area of livable communities, she supports mass transit and walk-ability solutions, open space planning, and reduction in suburban sprawl.

Linda believes architects need to increase the community's understanding of the architects' value, "Architects are positioned to be the collaborative leaders in the community, interfacing with all aspects of the community's quality of life – housing, workplaces, social and religious life, and getting from place to place. Architects need to influence how the community feels about itself." An advocate for the architects' involvement in our communities, especially in leadership roles, she says, "After we demonstrate the architects' value in the community, a community will choose to move forward with change relying on an architect leading, or at the very least, collaborating in the process."

Linda, a past president of AIA Minnesota, is currently co-chair of the AIA Minnesota Government Affairs Committee; co-chair of the Construction Industry Cooperative Committee (CICC); member of the AIA Minnesota Finance Committee, AIA Minnesota Council of Firms, and AIA Minnesota Procurement Reform Task Force.

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.

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