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Architects will experience **CREATIVE DISRUPTION** at the 81st Annual AIA Minnesota Convention & Product Exposition

November 10-13, 2015

The single largest annual event in Minnesota for architects this year!

The American Institute of Architects

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN The 81st annual

American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA Minnesota) Convention & Product Exposition will take place Tuesday, November 10 through Friday, November 13, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, in Exhibit Hall D. We hear that our members attend our annual Convention and leave feeling rejuvenated and



inspired. More than 2,000 people are projected to attend the 2015 Convention. An estimated 1,500 will attend programs and the exhibits, while another 400 will visit the FREE exhibit hall - which will feature more than 200 companies and a wide variety of exhibits.

The Programs The wide variety of Convention programs will have something for everyone – ranging from programs on the technical aspects of architecture to those of more general interest. Design professionals, the media, and the public, may attend the keynote presentations that have a more universal appeal. Registration will be available for convention packages, a program series, or a single event. Find program and registration information at http://www.aia-mn.org/events/convention/ (Online registration will be available in September.)

Convention highlights

- Opening keynote Stephen Ehrlich, FAIA, founding partner, Ehrlich Architects, Culver City, CA – the 2015 AIA Firm Award recipient
- **Heather Hackman**, Hackman Consulting Group presenting "Going Beyond Diversity and Inclusion,"
- "Ethics Jeopardy" with Kristine Kubes, Esq., and Steve Fiskum, FAIA
- "The AIA Code of Ethics in a Diverse, Disrupted World" presented by **Thomas Fisher**, Assoc. AIA
- "Boomer Download!" Three architects share their pivotal career moments: Katherine Leonidas, AIA; Rich Varda, FAIA; and David Eijadi
- "Lighting for Elder and Assisted Living" co-sponsored by the Illuminating Engineering Society

The Exhibit Hall The exhibit hall is FREE to all and requires no registration. Attendees will find a lively center of activity, more than 200 product lines, and a variety of professional services during the following exhibit hall hours:

Tues. Nov 10 4:00-6:00pm

Wed. Nov. ll ll:l5am-2:30pm, and 3:45-6:00pm

Thurs. Nov. 12 11:30-2:00pm

Media is invited to attend FREE - RSVP to Mary Larkin, Communications Director, at larkin@aia-mn.org or 612-338-6763 by November 6.

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