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Updated Policy on In-Person Meetings

At the September 10 meeting of the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors they approved a continuation of a virtual approach for meetings, events, and large gatherings through the first quarter of 2022.

Questions? Please contact [Amber Allardyce](#).

Inflection Point

By Anna Pravinata, AIA, NOMA, AIA Minnesota President



This is my last Matrix column – yes, it has been a year!

2021 seems to be a busy year for the architecture profession with [Architecture Billings Index \(ABI\)](#) remaining strong in the last few months. There are lots of job openings in our profession that are hard to fill, and there are lots of architects leaving the profession as part of the Great Resignation, which increases the challenge of unfilled positions in many firms.

The pandemic has shaken up our view of what work means in our life, what kind of work is worth doing, and what kinds are not. Architects and designers who grind through long hours or are fed up with a culture of bullying are calling it quits to find their passions elsewhere.

The architecture profession is definitely at an inflection point. How will we shape the future of our profession to remain relevant in an increasingly complex world?

As an organization, we are preparing ourselves for a changing future and will continue to make the profession relevant. In March, the Board of Directors refined our core values to be **Integrity, Authenticity, Equity, and Collaboration**. We also

revised our [strategic priorities](#) to align more with 2021-2025 AIA Strategic Plan.

In August and September, each of the board members checked in with 20-30 randomly selected AIA Minnesota members to see how they or their firms are doing and gathered their insights related to AIA Minnesota's four strategic priorities. We are compiling the results, and they will inform our board retreat early next year.

The [A'21 MN Conference on Architecture](#) is one way to inspire our design thinking to go beyond designing buildings and be part of the conversations from racial equity, equity in the built-environment, to climate change. These conversations make our profession relevant and valuable to a larger constituency, and we hope you will join us for the remaining conference days.

I thank the AIA MN staff team for supporting me and all of the members who reached out and offered words of encouragement to me throughout this year. Serving as your president has allowed me to grow in my personal journey as a leader and I thank all of you for the opportunity.

FIRM AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT



LHB, Inc. Receives 2021 AIA Minnesota Firm Award

Congratulations to LHB, Inc., 2021 recipient of the Firm Award. With its statewide reach and deep commitment to climate action, LHB embodies AIA Minnesota's principles and goals. [Learn more »](#)

CALL TO ACTION

Attend Member Congress and Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 11, 2021, 2:00 pm

[Register to attend](#)

Join officers and staff leadership to celebrate all we've accomplished in 2021, and

to explore the road ahead. We will vote on the 2022 Board of Directors, recognize member leaders for their contributions, celebrate our newly-licensed architect community, and much, much more!

The meeting is an event during the [A'21 MN Conference on Architecture](#). If you are intending to register for A'21 MN please select event D4-75. Member Congress during your registration. All others can register via the link above.

AIA MINNESOTA 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF NOMINEES

Sam Olbekson, AIA	President-Elect
Michael Fischer, AIA	Treasurer
Samantha Turnock Mendiola, AIA	Secretary
Sarah St. Louis, Assoc. AIA	Associate Director

The 2022 president of AIA Minnesota will be Alicia Belton, AIA, NOMA.

The above slate will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.



Frank Gehry, FAIA, Kicks Off UMN Kusske Lecture & Dialogue Series

Thursday, November 16, 7:00 pm

McNamara Alumni Center

Internationally acclaimed architect, **Frank Owen Gehry, CC, FAIA**, will be the inaugural speaker for the new Kusske Lecture & Dialogue Series. In conversation with **Jennifer Yoos, FAIA**, CEO and Principal of VJAA, and head of the School of Architecture, Gehry will consider how his visual language evolved. Signatures of his lifelong creative journey are inspirations from nature and experiments with materials, light, and movement.

[Register »](#)

Photo: Götz Göppert, courtesy of Gehry Partners.

Opportunity to Represent Minnesota on National Associates Committee

AIA Minnesota is seeking members interested in serving on the National Associates Committee (NAC). The NAC is a committee of the AIA whose primary focus is to serve the Associate membership in the advancement of their careers. The NAC Representative will be appointed to a two-year term, serving on the NAC beginning on January 1, 2022. **Application deadline is November 30, 2021.** [Learn more and apply »](#)

Input Requested: Proposed Change to AIA Policy Position

on Interior Design Licensure.

The AIA National Interior Design Task Force was formed earlier this year to update and reassess AIA's current position opposing interior design certification/registration and licensure. The Task Force held over a dozen virtual listening sessions with 44 state components, including Minnesota. Representatives from the Center for Practice, the Large Firm Roundtable, and the Small Firm Exchange were also consulted.

Based on this feedback, AIA is proposing a change to the current policy position, which can be found in this [memo](#). AIA is seeking written feedback on this change. Please provide your comments via email to [Anne Law](#) by **7 pm CST on Tuesday, November 30**.

AIA will also provide virtual feedback sessions on November 3, 10, and 17th. [Register »](#)

Apply to Join an AIA Committee

AIA is asking members-and non-members where applicable-who are well suited to apply for [open committee positions](#). AIA is seeing individuals with:

- Unique knowledge or skills in emerging areas of practice.
- Expert knowledge in human resources, firm and practice culture.
- Expert knowledge in equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) strategies in the workforce.
- A strong desire to tackle the obstacles faced by the architecture profession.

Serving on an AIA committee provides participants with an opportunity to build knowledge and expand their network. Select from a range of volunteer opportunities assigned on a long-term, short-term, or even a one-time basis. Interested individuals are required to submit a resume and a letter of interest for each application. Other supporting materials are also invited at the individual's discretion. Submissions should not exceed 10 pages in total and need to indicate the committee of interest.

The application process closes at 5 p.m. ET on Monday, Nov. 8.

Recommendations will be reviewed by the AIA 2022 President. Selected individuals will be notified, and appointments will be emailed by Jan. 15, 2022.

Complete details are available on [AIA's website](#).



Save the Date! 2021 AIA Minnesota Awards Celebration

Friday, December 3, 4:00 pm

Virtual Event

Join us from the comfort of your couch as we celebrate the vibrancy of our architecture community and recognize some of the people and projects that make it great. Registration details coming soon.



SAY IT LOUD Exhibition

SAY IT LOUD MINNESOTA: A VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION

Tuesday, November 9, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Moderator **Trevor Bullen, AIA**, Dean of the School of Design at Dunwoody College of Technology, will speak with **Jody McGuire, AIA**, **Jennifer Newsom, AIA**, and **Anna Pravinata, AIA**, about their personal career journeys and increasing representation in the built design fields. [Register »](#)

Exhibit Open Through January 30, 2022

HGA Gallery, UMN College of Design

Curated by New York-based architect **Pascale Sablan FAIA, NOMA**, SAY IT

LOUD elevates the work of BIPOC and women designers working in built environment fields.

Local participants include **Kristine Anderson, Assoc. AIA; Tammy Angaran, AIA; Abimbola Asojo, AIA; Alicia Belton, AIA, NOMA; Tu-Anh Bui Johnson, Assoc. AIA; Trevor Bullen, AIA; Nina Ebbighausen, AIA; James Garrett Jr., AIA, NOMA; Damaris Hollingsworth, AIA, NOMA; Karen Lu, AIA, NOMA; Joy Martin, AIA; Jody McGuire, AIA; Celina Nelson, Assoc. AIA; Jennifer Newsom, AIA; Mary Springer, AIA; and Lyssa Washington, AIA, NOMA.** [Learn more »](#)



Register for A'21 MN Today!

Three Days of Online Programming are still ahead: Wednesdays, November 3, and November 10; Thursday, November 11

Registration is still open for the 2021 Minnesota Conference on Architecture, taking place virtually over three days. [Register today!](#)

There are still plenty of educational and inspiring sessions in the days that remain! Join us to hear from speakers on climate action, equity, ethics, codes, and more.

Thank you to our platinum sponsor, [Emanuelson-Podas, Inc.](#), as well as our gold/keynote sponsors, [JE Dunn Construction](#) and [Metro Brick, Inc.](#)

Due to the impact of the economic downturn on our profession, registration for the A'21 MN Conference will be free to AIA members who have been laid off or furloughed, and to recent graduates who have not been able to secure paid work within the field. [Learn more about this option »](#)

A'21 MN Exhibit Hall: Products and Prizes

We will have dedicated times throughout the conference for the virtual exhibit hall. Visit our 50+ exhibitors and check out their new products and services. These companies have been strong supporters of AIA Minnesota and want to connect

with you. As a bonus, we will have an exciting giveaway each day, so plan to explore and play to win!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minneapolis College Launches New Architectural Virtual Reality & Rendering Program

Minneapolis College is now offering a 16-credit certificate aimed at advancing skills in architectural rendering and virtual reality. Rendering courses start in January 2022 with virtual reality topics commencing in fall 2022. All classes are evening classes, face to face, and are taught by working practitioners. Prerequisite is completion of a 2-year architectural technology program or 500 hours practical work experience using REVIT. Virtual reality topics will cover marketing, design review, coordination and constructability.

[Registration information »](#)

[Informational video »](#)



Karen Lu, AIA, NOMA, to Serve on AIA Strategic Council

Karen Lu, AIA, NOMA, was selected by the AIA Minnesota Board of Directors to serve as the Minnesota representative on the AIA Strategic Council. Lu will be a communications link between the Strategic Council and Minnesota as the Council looks forward and develops ideas to inform future needs or opportunities for the profession. The Council focuses on long-term goals and outcomes.

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Align your company and brand with our insightful digital weekly. This is our main vehicle to reach architect members, related project partners, their clients, and others who have interest in the design of our community. Ads, sponsorships, and advertorial opportunities available weekly starting at only \$495. Limited space available. Contact [Pam Nelson](#) for more information.

Ways to Stay with AIA: Membership Options

If you or someone you know has recently been laid off, furloughed, their start date has been indefinitely postponed, or they are self-employed or an independent contractor and their income has been significantly impacted by the pandemic, we can help with options for maintaining AIA membership. We can also provide guidance on a wide variety of ways to stay engaged with the architecture community. Please reach out to [Amber Allardyce](#) for more information.

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION (MAF)

MAF Seeks Board Leadership

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation (MAF) is seeking board leadership positions that will begin January 1, 2022. AIA, Assoc. AIA members, and non-members are all eligible. This is an important time in the leadership of MAF. By joining the leadership team, you will be engaged in key decisions as we continue to implement the Foundation's strategic direction.

Open MAF Officer/ Board Leadership Positions for 2022:

- President-Elect (three-year commitment as President-Elect, President, and Past President; AIA and Assoc. AIA members eligible)
- Treasurer (one-year term, renewable)
- Secretary (one-year term, renewable)

- Board Member, two positions open (three-year term, renewable; AIA, Assoc. AIA members, and non-members eligible)

Anyone interested in being considered for a MAF position should [submit](#) a **letter of interest** no later than Friday, November 5, 2021

COMMITTEE/KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Minnesota Design Team Committee

The Minnesota Design Team (MDT) has been working with rural Minnesota communities for over 40 years to help them develop and act upon a shared vision of their community's future through the use of community engagement and design thinking. The multidisciplinary volunteer teams collaborate with community leaders in a months-long process, culminating in a weekend-long, intensive, on-site visit.

Get involved now and join MDT on their next two visits: [Henderson](#) in early April 2022, and [Silver Bay](#) in May 2022. Design professionals who volunteer with MDT help make Minnesota a vital, vibrant place to live—and develop their own interpersonal and technical skills along the way.

Interested in joining MDT? Contact [Ann Mayhew](#).

LEADERSHIP FORUM

Applications Now Accepted for the 2022 Leadership Forum

The 2022 Leadership Forum will be totally virtual for at least the first three months, January-March, after which we will assess whether we can make a move to in-person sessions.

Eligibility Requirements

- All applicants must be an AIA Minnesota member.
- Applicants must be licensed architects.
- All applicants must have a minimum of ten years' career experience.

The application deadline is December 10. Applications are available via Award Force [here](#).

Questions? Contact [Deanna Christiansen](#).

NATIONAL & LOCAL CHAPTER UPDATES

AIA NATIONAL

SUBMIT TO THE AIA SMALL PROJECT DESIGN AWARDS

The Small Project Design (SPD) Knowledge Community welcomes submissions to the annual Small Project Award program. This program highlights the value and design excellence architects provide, regardless of the project's limited size and budget. Deadline is November 15. [Learn more »](#)

AIAU: NEW SESSIONS FROM THE 2021 AIA CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

Every year, the AIA Conference on Architecture delivers the education and ideas that define what's next for our industry. Now you can access exclusive content from this year's event, A'21, on AIAU. We've curated 30+ sessions on the topics relevant to your practice now, from some of the most visionary thinkers and leaders in architecture and beyond. Purchase any four courses and you'll save 15%! AIA members save even more with special pricing. [Learn more »](#)

AIA ANNOUNCES FILM CHALLENGE WINNERS

Check out the first, second, and third place winners, and the people's choice award winner, on the Film Challenge website. [Learn more »](#)

SALARY DATA AND HIRING TRENDS IN ARCHITECTURE

How has architect compensation held up during the pandemic? How have benefits shifted? Find out in AIA Compensation Report 2021, the industry's most comprehensive report on salary and compensation trends. [Learn more »](#)

2022-2023 OPENING FOR AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STRATEGIC COUNCIL

The Strategic Council is accepting submissions for the position of At-large Representative. Up to five candidates may be elected. If you know of someone (member or non-member) who is innovative, open-minded and forward thinking, is a strong communicator/connector, and embodies a collaborative, partnering spirit, encourage them to submit! [Learn more »](#)

ON-DEMAND WEBINAR: CYBER SECURITY PRACTICES

This webinar covers effective cyber and data security measures, including protection of data, accounts and controls, processes and policies to ensure regulatory, as well as legal and privacy compliance to reduce cyber threats. Watch this recording and learn from AIA national staff and Cameron Smith, PhD, Research Director, Security, Privacy, Risk & Compliance, Info-Tech. [Watch »](#)

LATEST RESIDENTIAL FIRM TRENDS

The AIA's Home Design Trends Survey is a recognized source of emerging trends in

residential design and business conditions at residential firms. The latest release shows home offices and outdoor living spaces remained popular. Billings also remained strong and project backlogs increased, reaching a record high. [Learn more »](#)

FREE RESUME REVIEW

To help you navigate the current job market, we're offering free expert résumé review services through the [AIA Career Center](#). Simply visit your account overview page and scroll to the TopResume section at the bottom to submit.

MEMBER PROFILE

Update your contact preferences, education, licenses, career, and contact information online. Visit myprofile.aia.org.

AIA NORTHERN MINNESOTA



DRAUGHTING CLUB

Wednesday, November 3, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

[Ursa Minor Brewing](#)

Socialize with experienced and emerging connections in our northern AEC Community.

AIA ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL PRIZE DESIGN COMPETITION UPDATE

The AIA St. Paul Board of Directors has decided to pause hosting the annual design competition for this year in order to thoughtfully consider how the program can be more accessible to entrants, and to find ways to center and include community voices and perspectives in the design brief and requirements. The board expects that the program will continue in 2022 in its new, more relevant and equitable format!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT RECORDING

[View](#) the recording of AIA St. Paul's most recent Food for Thought event from September 22, titled "Catholic Charities and the Twin Cities Housing Crisis."

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Minnesota license renewals are due June 30, 2022. Architects must have 24 Professional Development Hours (PDH) accrued between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022. Two of these PDH credits must be Ethics credits.

Check [here](#) to see if you have carryover credits from the last license renewal (ethics credits do not qualify for carryover).

Check [here](#) under Continuing Education for the link to view your AIA transcript.

COMMITTEE AND KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY UPDATES

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 2, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

There will not be an ALA Committee meeting in November in order to encourage all to attend the A'21 MN Conference. The next meeting will be December 2 at noon.

UPCOMING ARE REVIEWS

NAVIGATING ARCHITECT LICENSURE: NCARB, THE ARE, AND YOU

Thursday, November 11, 8:30 - 10:00 am

A'21 MN Conference, Event D4-63

Join NCARB vice president of examination, Jared Zurn, for an in-depth presentation that will cover several licensure-related topics. Attend this virtual Conference program and reduce your anxiety by knowing what to expect and how to best prepare. [Register »](#)

NOTE: Navigating Architect Licensure is also available at no charge without conference registration. [Learn more »](#)

PP&D and PD&D Exams

Mechanical and Electrical - The recordings from the 2020 ARE Review presentations that focused on mechanical and electrical systems will be available on demand soon.

Structural Systems

Thursdays, December 2 and 9, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

A two-session virtual, but live-streamed, review class presented by Andrew Atkins, PE, SE, PIE Global. Registration is now open. [Learn more »](#)

For more information and resources to guide your licensure, visit the AIA Minnesota website pages for [AXP](#) and [ARE](#).

ARCHITECTURE IN THE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

NO NOVEMBER MEETING DUE TO CONFERENCE

BUILDING CODES KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Wednesday, December 8, 12:00 pm

[Virtual Meeting](#)

There will not be a Building Codes KC meeting in November in order to encourage all to attend the A'21 MN Conference.

“Creating a Well-Crafted Building Code Analysis (from Both Sides of the Aisle)” will be presented by the Building Codes KC chairs, Gerhard Guth and Scott Anderson at the A'21 MN Conference - Event D4-59.

COMMITTEE ON DESIGN

Thursday, December 9, 12:00 pm (NO NOVEMBER MEETING DUE TO CONFERENCE)

[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Local Lessons from the COTE Top 10," co-sponsored by the Committee on Design and the Committee on the Environment, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-22.

"Honor Award Jurors Show Their Work," sponsored by the Committee on Design, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-28.

"2 + 2: Empathy in Design," sponsored by the Committee on Design, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D3-54.

COMMITTEE ON EQUITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (EBE)

Wednesday, November 17, 8:30 am - 10:00 am (NOTE 90 MINUTE MEETING DURATION)
[Virtual Meeting](#)

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

Friday, December 10, 12:00 pm (NO NOVEMBER MEETING DUE TO CONFERENCE)
[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Local Lessons from the COTE Top 10," co-sponsored by the Committee on Design and the Committee on the Environment, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-22.

COUNCIL OF FIRMS KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Monday, December 13, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

There will not be a Council of Firms KC meeting in November in order to encourage all to attend the A'21 MN Conference.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 2, 8:00 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

ENTER COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 17, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 16, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

HEALTH DESIGN KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

NO MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

There will not be a Health Design KC meeting in November in order to encourage all to attend the A'21 MN Conference. The Knowledge Community will not be meeting in December either. Their next meeting will be in January 2022. Watch your email for details after the first of the year.

HOUSING ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 4, 12:00 pm (NOTE DATE CHANGE DUE TO CONFERENCE)
[Virtual Meeting](#)

LAKE SUPERIOR DESIGN RETREAT COMMITTEE

Monday, November 15, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

SAVE THE DATE
34th Annual Lake Superior Design Retreat (Virtual)
February 25-26, 2022

MINNESOTA DESIGN TEAM COMMITTEE (MDT)

Wednesday, November 17, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 2, 12:00 pm
[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Toward a Mass Timber Agenda: House in a Garden," sponsored by the Residential Architecture Committee, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-25.

"Keys to a Net-Zero Energy Home," sponsored by the Residential Architecture Committee, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-31.

TECHNOLOGY IN ARCHITECTURE PRACTICE (TAP) KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Look for the track of technology programs being presented at A'21 MN:

- Event D4-62, "Lifecycle Data Solutions for Architects: Transforming the Norm"
- Event D4-68, "Business Intelligence for Data-Driven Design, Construction, and Operations"
- Event D4-72, "The Augmented Reality of Chickens"

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 17, 8:00 am
[Virtual Meeting](#)

"Women in Architecture Networking Breakfast: Combating Racism in the Built Environment," sponsored by the Women in Architecture Committee, will be presented at A'21 MN - Event D2-24.

PEOPLE & FIRMS



Left to right: Brock Martinson, AIA; Sam Michael, AIA; Don Rolf, AIA; and Ellie Ziaie, Assoc. AIA.

Brock Martinson, AIA, was promoted to principal, and **Sam Michael, AIA**, and **Don Rolf, AIA**, were promoted to associate, at **Pope Architects**.

VJAA, Inc. joined the AIA 2030 Commitment.

Ellie Ziaie, Assoc. AIA, was named to the inaugural cohort of the AIA Next to Lead Program.

[Learn more »](#)

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Tom Aspelund, Associate AIA
Becca Colbert, AIA
Jonathan Dykstra, AIA
Jacob Ernst, Associate AIA
Derek Hansen, AIA
Karishma Kurian, Associate AIA
Thomas Lasley, Associate AIA
Salim Makhoul, AIA

Benjamin Olsen, Associate AIA
Samantha Schrader, Associate AIA
Kareem Sherard, Associate AIA
Tyler Stone, Associate AIA
Alexander Thomas, Associate AIA
Josh Tindall, AIA
Kaitlyn Walker, Associate AIA

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION NEWS & EVENTS

[Totally Radical: Designing in the 1980s Exhibition October 22 - January 9 »](#)

[PastForward Online National Preservation Conference November 2-5 »](#)

[LeadingGREEN Online LEED Training and Exam Prep \(On-Demand in 2021\) »](#)

[AGC Minnesota Construction Summit January 11-12 »](#)

LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE ONLINE AND WEBINAR TRAINING

November-January and On Demand

Leading Green is offering live webinars and on-demand training to help you become LEED-accredited. AIA Minnesota members receive a \$50 discount on these programs by using the coupon code "sust." [Learn more »](#)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AIAS SPEED DATING EVENT

Wednesday, January 26, 6-8 pm

Looking for architecture professionals to participate in University of Minnesota's AIAS Chapter (AIAS-MN) Speed Networking Event! This speed networking event will give both graduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to meet professionals and expand their network. Each hour-long segment will be split into six ten-minute sessions where a student will have the opportunity to talk to a professional (you). Please note, this is not a portfolio event, and we are asking students to not bring work samples. Please contact AIAS-MN Chapter President [Rachel Forseen](#) for more information.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE: MN DEPT OF COMMERCE VARIABLE REFRIGERANT FLOW (VRF) FIELD STUDY

We are in need of buildings to participate in energy efficiency research. Your project may be a good candidate if it is:

- Located in MN
- Multifamily, office, hotel, education, or similar type
- New construction in a design phase considering VRF system OR
- Existing building slated to have a HVAC retrofit considering VRF system OR
- Existing building with VRF system installed in last 3 years

What's involved? Allowing non-intrusive energy monitoring equipment to be installed in building with VRF system for approximately 1 year.

Benefits: Potential financial incentives for VRF system install; advancing the body of knowledge around the energy and comfort benefits of VRF systems.

Interested? Contact: [Maureen Colburn, AIA](#), at LHB or [Greg Marsicek](#) at Slipstream [More info »](#)

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY COMMERCIAL ENERGY CODE FIELD STUDY

We are in need of buildings to participate in energy efficiency research. Your project may be a good candidate if it is:

- Located in MN, WI, northern IL
- Office or multifamily over 70,000 SF
- HVAC controlled by a Building Automation System
- Occupancy date of Jan 2020 - 2022

What's involved? A review of the permit set of drawings/specifications and 1-2 site visits by the research team.

Benefits: Advancing the body of knowledge around complex elements of the energy code.

Interested? Contact: [Prachi Sharma](#) at Slipstream [More info »](#)

UMN ONLINE RESOURCES

Visit the College of Design's [online calendar](#) for regular updates on activities.

UMN CAREER AND INTERNSHIP RESOURCES

Employers with jobs, internships or smaller, project-based micro-internships are encouraged to post opportunities for students and recent grads at careerhelp.umn.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit the [AIA Minnesota Events Calendar](#) for more information about upcoming events. For events not sponsored by AIA Minnesota, please check directly with sponsors for up-to-date information about cancelations, postponements, or virtual meetings.



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