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AIA Iowa and the IAF Present the Iowa Center for Architecture

Des Moines, Iowa (January 6, 2016) – The American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter (AIA Iowa) and the Iowa Architectural Foundation (IAF) are pleased to present a new resource to the public, architects, and building industry professionals- The Iowa Center for Architecture.

Iowa Center for **ARCHITECTURE**

The Center fosters communication between the public, design, and construction communities across the state. It is the State's leading cultural institution focusing on architecture, driving positive change through the power of design. We host exhibitions, programs, and many special events to encourage collaboration and to invite the public to experience architecture and design.

The public is invited to visit us on February 11th from 4:30-5:30 PM for an open house located at our joint offices in Capitol Square, 400 Locust Street, Suite 100, Des Moines. The event will feature speakers from AIA Iowa at IAF and will allow visitors time to explore the office and enjoy light refreshments.

We encourage the public to visit the Iowa Center for Architecture in January and February of 2016 to view the history of Women's contributions to Iowa Architecture and Architecture across the United States. The display features contributions that highlight women's milestones within

the profession and archives women's influence on the built environment. The exhibit displays information starting in 1850 to current day. The exhibit is made possible by a partnership between the American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter and Iowa Women in Architecture.

Iowa Center for Architecture programming includes:

- Walking Tours
- Adult Classes on Various Design-Related Topics
- Field Trips Tours and Special Presentations for Students
- Community Design Charrettes
- Children's Art Competitions
- Lectures and Special Events
- Photo Salon Category at the Iowa State Fair
- Monthly Architecture Firm Displays
- Speakers Bureau
- Study Groups
- Resources Related to Hiring an Architect
- State-wide People's Choice Design Competition
- Iowa Architect Magazine
- Iowa's Disaster Assistance and Iowa Building Safety Assessment & Failure Evaluation Team (BSAFE)
- Advocacy for the Design Profession
- Career Center
- Scholarships
- Resources Related to the History of Architects and Architecture in Iowa

The Iowa Center for Architecture is the first LEED® Commercial Interior Platinum project in the State of Iowa and the conference room and flex space are available for rent to businesses and organizations that need a space to host meetings, lectures, presentations, social events or luncheons. The office is professionally designed and overlooks the new Cowles Commons. Amenities include wireless internet, audio visual equipment, a kitchen, and a flexible layout.

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