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## INNOVATIVE PROGRAM PREPARES ARCHITECTS FOR LICENSURE

March 31, 2014 - Detroit, Michigan – The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Michigan and the AIA Detroit Emerging Professionals Committee have announced the first of the 2014 series of seminars to prepare intern architects for the Architect Registration Examination (A.R.E.). The A.R.E. is a rigorous seven (7) part series of exams that all intern architects must pass to qualify for licensure. The AIA seminars cover up to three exam sessions per seminar and incorporate an altruistic facet to differentiate these seminars from standard for-profit exam reviews.

The added value of the presenters' experience with the exam makes the AIA seminars decisively different from a standard exam review. Each seminar speaker is an architect who has recently passed the exam or an expert in his or her respective field. The presentations adhere to the exam guidelines and specifications but the speakers' personal experiences with studying for the exam and the strategies they have developed are an added benefit to attendees. The volunteer speakers view the seminars as a way to give back to the profession and a way to assist other licensure candidates to achieve success.

"The A.R.E series of events is an inspiring collaborative gathering of Emerging Professionals passionately preparing to take the architectural licensing exam," says Mike Neville, AIA, Executive Vice President at Ghafari Associates and AIA Michigan Board member and 2014 Treasurer. "I'm proud to be an AIA member and look forward to welcoming this group into our profession".

The upcoming A.R.E. Seminar is April 12, 2014 and will be conducted at the Lawrence Technological University. To learn more about the A.R.E. Seminars, visit <a href="www.aiami.com">www.aiami.com</a> and click "A.R.E. Seminar Program" in the "Events" tab.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the GM Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, is dedicated to bringing public attention the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard.