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**GHAFARI IS AIA MICHIGAN FIRM OF THE YEAR**

May 30, 2014- Detroit, Michigan- The American Institute of Architects Michigan will honor Ghafari Associates with the 2014 AIA Michigan Firm of the Year Award. The presentation will be made at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 7 at the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum in East Lansing. The award recognizes an organization of architects who have consistently produced distinguished architecture for at least 10 years. The firm shall have great depth, breadth, be widely known for quality and its work shall be the product of a collaborative environment.

Originally founded in 1982 as a four-person CADD operation in Livonia, Michigan, Ghafari Associates has developed into a full-service architecture, engineering and consulting firm with nearly 400 employees worldwide. Ghafari has contributed to the architectural profession over the past 32 years, providing programming, planning, management and design services for projects ranging from small renovations to new multi-facility complexes for clients in the automotive, aviation, commercial, education, energy, food, government / institutional, healthcare and industrial / manufacturing markets.

Since its founding, Ghafari has developed a reputation for innovation in its industry, rooted in an unwavering commitment to client service and efficiency in project delivery. Whether it is through the adoption of a new technology, design technique or delivery method, the firm is guided by a drive to serve its clients more effectively. This focus permeates all areas of its business, incorporating its full array of facility and process design capabilities combined with advanced technological tools, sustainable practices and lean principles.

Ghafari employees are encouraged to participate in professional and recreational affiliations and many Ghafari employees are active in the AIA at the state and local chapter. The firm also supports its intern architects with Intern Development Process mentorship and encouragement. From serving on the AIA Michigan and local chapter board of directors to speaking at Architectural Registration Exam seminars, Ghafari Associates employees lead by example and have established a firm precedent for active professional engagement in the built environment.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the GM Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, established its awards program to bring to 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. Visit [www.aiami.com](http://www.aiami.com) or call 313.965.4100 to learn more.

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