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AIA MICHIGAN GOLD MEDAL WINNER ANNOUNCED

May 30, 2014- Detroit, Michigan- The American Institute of Architects Michigan will award its Gold Medal to Glen LeRoy, FAIA at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 7 at the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum in East Lansing.

The Gold Medal is the highest honor that can be given to an AIA Michigan architect. It is reserved for an architect who is distinguished in his or her career, works to advance the professional standing of all architects and lives up the ethical standards of the American Institute of Architects.

Glen LeRoy, FAIA grew up in historic New Orleans. He expressed the desire to be an architect as early as fifth grade and never wavered from that goal. He completed his bachelors degree in architecture at Tulane University in 1973 and after some practice experience, he received a Master of Architecture and a Master of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976. He later added a master's degree in architecture from Tulane in 2004. He became a licensed architect in 1977.

Throughout his career, Glen has balanced teaching and practice. While teaching at the University of Kansas for twenty-one years, he founded the Kansas City Urban Design Studio. The work of the Studio received many awards and was influential in changing the dialog in the city regarding design and planning. For his work in the Urban Design Studio, Glen was elevated to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects in 1999. He followed that honor with elevation to Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners two years later. He also rose to become a principal at the firm, Gould Evans Associates, in Kansas City and six US cities. He led the firm to national prominence in urban design, planning, and campus planning, as well as architecture. In his career, he has received over seventy professional, community service, and academic awards and honors. He has delivered over two-hundred public or scholarly presentations and has been published over thirty times.

In 2005, Glen relocated to Michigan to become Dean of the College of Architecture and Design at Lawrence Technological University (LTU). At LTU, he greatly improved the relationship between the university and the profession and transformed and stabilized the College through program diversification, applied research, international studies, and technological integration.

As Dean, Glen has greatly improved fund-raising for the College, instituted a work/study graduate fellowship program with Detroit area firms that has raised in excess of \$1 million in direct fellowship aid and employment support for graduate students, and has recently established a consolidated design center in the urban core of Detroit due to open in early 2015. This design center, known as the Center for Design and Technology, will feature design studios, an exhibition gallery, academic research facilities, K-12 design education programs, and community partnerships.

Glen has also successfully led the College through three accreditations: NAAB (architecture); CIDA (interior design); and NASAD (fine arts). Cited personally as top program strength of the College by the 2008 NAAB Visiting Team as follows: "The dean, Glen LeRoy, is doing an outstanding job. He has brought fresh ideas to the College and Department and is highly respected."

Glen's AIA Michigan leadership has included serving on the Fellows Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Board's Executive Committee. Glen served as AIA Michigan Board Educational Liaison from 2008-2011 and recently completed a three year term as Michigan's Regional Director to the AIA National Board of Directors. In 2010, Glen received the AIA Michigan President's Award.

Glen has made an impact on the AIA National level in many ways: from assisting AIA Michigan's delegation to AIA's annual Large State Forum to founding the Academy Track at AIA National Conference in 2012, Glen has functioned dexterously in many capacities. His knowledge enables him to contribute immensely to the discussion and proposals for National Board Repositioning, as well as strategies to engage Emerging Professionals, and align with the academic field.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the 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 or call 313.965.4100 to learn more.

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