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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AIA ARCHITECTS ANNOUNCE ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS

June 12, 2013- Detroit, Michigan-- The American Institute of Architects Michigan announced that 14 buildings have been singled out for design excellence and will receive their awards at its annual Celebration of Architecture on June 14th at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA) in Ann Arbor. Eighty-six projects were entered in the design awards competition.

The Recognitions winners are as follows:

The Gold Medal will be awarded to Arthur F. Smith, FAIA; the Hastings award to Frederick F. Butters, Esq., FAIA; the President's award to Paul H. Goldsmith, RA; the Young Architect award, Jeffrey D. Johnson, AIA and Matthew M. Taylor, AIA; the Korab Award, Gary Quesada, Esq., Hon. Aff. AIAMI; Associate Member of the Year award, Amanda Harrell Seyburn, Associate AIA; Two honorary affiliates were named, Lynne Merrill Francis, Hon. Aff. AIAMI and Michelle Saroki, Hon Aff. AIAMI. Two architects have been elected to the AIA College of Fellows: Paul A. Dannels, FAIA and Cynthia K. Pozolo, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP. The Firm of the Year is SmithGroupJJR based in Detroit, Michigan.

The Design Award winners are as follows:

The **Steel Award**, sponsored by Great Lakes Fabricators and Erectors Association went to:

ROBERT B. AIKENS COMMONS in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Category: Steel

Architect: Integrated Design Solutions & Hartman-Cox Architects

Owner: University of Michigan

Contractor: Walbridge

Photos: James Haefner Photography & Bryan Becker

Jury Comment: A graceful insertion of steel structure that is well scaled and compatible with the important surrounding historic structure.

The **25 Year Award** was awarded to:

AZARS ORIENTAL RUGS SHOWROOM in Birmingham, Michigan

Category: 25 Year Award

Architect: Luckenbach/Ziegelman Architects PLLC

Owner: Azar and Hormoz Alizadeh

Contractor: Jonna Construction

Photos: Robert Ziegelman, FAIA

Comment: For a distinguished project, executed prior to 1988 and used for at least 25 years for the same purpose for which it was designed.

The Building Awards winners are as follows:

LAKEHOUSE RESIDENCE in Laketown Township, Michigan

Category: Building

Architect: Allegretti Architects

Owner: Private

Contractor: Lamar Construction

Photos: Steven Davis & Jim Yochum

Jury Comment: The well-crafted simplicity of the wood structure creates a wonderful dialogue with nature, especially at the nice screened porch.

TAUBMAN CENTER FOR DESIGN EDUCATION in Detroit, Michigan

Category: Building

Architect: Albert Kahn Associates

Owner: College for Creative Studies

Contractor: Walbridge

Photos: Justin Maconochie

Jury Comment: The owner and project team are congratulated for saving this important building and giving it new life within the urban fabric. This respectful renovation is the type of investment and commitment that Detroit deserves.

WELLS HALL LANGUAGE ARTS BUILDING in East Lansing, Michigan

Category: Building

Architect: Hamilton Anderson Associates & Integrated Design Solutions

Owner: Michigan State University

Contractor: Barton Malow Company

Photos: Justin Maconochie

Jury Comment: A bold architectural solution to a complex challenge with a sensitive integration of both landscape and campus circulation.

BAGLEY AVENUE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE in Detroit, Michigan

Category: Building

Architect: InForm Studio

Owner: Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Contractor: Walter Toebe Construction

Photos: James Haefner Photography

Jury Comment: The structure is doing more than holding up the bridge; it is a beautiful inviting landmark. The bridge is creating activity, it's making a place to come to sit, see public art. It is a Place Making Bridge.

ELI AND EDYTHE BROAD ART MUSEUM in East Lansing, Michigan

Category: Building

Architect: Integrated Design Solutions, Zaha Hadid Architects, Hamilton Anderson Associates

Owner: Michigan State University

Contractor: Barton Malow Company

Photos: Justin Maconochie & Kevin Marshall, AIA

Jury Comment: A sculptural expression of creativity on a site that works as a gateway to the largely traditionally designed campus.

JOHN BALL ZOO TREEHOUSE in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Category: Building

Architect: progressive | ae

Owner: John Ball Zoo Society

Contractor: Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.

Photos: M-Buck Studio

Jury Comment: A beautifully detailed and sensitive insertion of place that celebrates the human connection to nature.

OTTAWA STREET POWER STATION REHABILITATION in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Category: Building

Architect: HOK, Quinn Evans Architects, and TowerPinkster

Owner: Accident Fund Holdings, Inc.

Contractor: The Christman Company

Jury Comment: A powerful transformation of an existing urban scar into a significant riverfront community asset. This new corporate facility reinterprets and creates inspiring space within a respectful composition.

The LOW BUDGET/SMALL PROJECT winners are as follows:

126K HOUSE in Royal Oak, Michigan

Category: Low Budget/Small Project

Architect: Paul Urbanek, FAIA

Owner: Paul, Mary and Michelle Elyse Urbanek

Photos: Jason Robinson

Jury Comment: This house is so respectfully crafted and was one of the best examples we saw of scale, proportion, and care taken to create a quality environment wonderfully compatible with its context.

SHUTTER HOUSE in Birmingham, Michigan

Category: Low Budget/Small Project

Architect: McIntosh Poris

Owner: Private

Contractor: Juno Built

Photos: Justin Maconochie

Jury Comment: Less is more. A powerful transformation of house to home via a strategic placement and development of a few architectural elements.

The UNBUILT category winners are as follows:

MEMORIAL AT CAMERON in Cameron, Louisiana

Category: Unbuilt

Architect: SmithGroupJJR

Owner: National Hurricane Museum & Science Center

Jury Comment: A respectful interpretation of a terrible event by an architecture of place, healing, memory; creating a spiritual and moving space with living material.

A DOZEN PLAYGROUNDS in Detroit, Michigan

Category: Unbuilt

Architect: MAdE Studio

Sponsor: A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning Research on the City Program

Jury Comment: A beautifully "visioned" series of places for children each with its unique expression and each conceived as a sculptural whole.

WASHTENAW COUNTY EASTSIDE RECREATION CENTER in Ypsilanti, Michigan

Category: Unbuilt

Architect: Ply Architecture + MAde Studio

Owner: Washtenaw Parks & Recreation Board

Jury Comment: The special arrangement of the sports programs makes for a dynamic experience within the structure. Nice section; hope to see it realized with the level of clarity the drawings exhibit.

There were two STUDENT PROJECT winners:

The Dependency of Production, Graduate Thesis

Detroit, Michigan

Category: Student Project

Student: Christopher Allick

School: University of Detroit Mercy

Jury Comment: This award celebrates an exemplary project completed by a student in his or her final years in an architecture program.

2013 Campus Master Plan & Design Guidelines for Andrews University

Berrien Springs, Michigan

Category: Student Project

Student: 2012 Campus Design Studio

School: Andrews University

Jury Comment: This award celebrates an exemplary project completed by this group of students in their final years in an architecture program.

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.

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