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American Institute of Architects Elevates Jan Culbertson, FAIA to the College of Fellows

*AIA Fellowship Recognizes Significant Contributions to Profession of
Architecture and Society*

Detroit- February 15, 2017 - The 2017 Jury of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) elevated Jan Culbertson, FAIA, LEED AP BC+D, GGA to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the profession.

Culbertson will be honored at an investiture ceremony at the AIA Conference on Architecture in Orlando, Florida.

The Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Election to fellowship not only recognizes the achievements of architects as individuals, but also their significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.

2017 Fellows

Out of a total AIA membership of over 90,000, approximately 3 percent are distinguished with the honor of fellowship and honorary fellowship. The elevation to fellowship is conferred on architects with at least 10 years of membership in the AIA in one or more of the following nomination categories:

1. Promoted the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession
2. Advanced the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training or practice
3. Coordinated the building industry and the profession of architecture through leadership in the AIA and other related professional organizations
4. Advanced the living standards of people through an improved environment
5. Made the profession of ever-increasing service to society



Jan Culbertson, FAIA, LEED AP BC+D, GGA

Jan became a Principal of A3C in 1988 and managing partner in 1990. Known for outreach in sustainability, A3C's UrbEn Retreat hosted nearly a thousand local, national and international visitors as a demonstration project for deep green urban renovation. Jan is currently leading the design of the country's first net-zero community bath house. As president of AIA Huron Valley (AIAHV) for two separate terms, Jan established lasting relationships, critical to an unstaffed chapter, with Washtenaw Contractors Association, University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning, USGBC-Detroit Regional Chapter and extended AIAHV's community outreach to include a professional cultural exchange with Ann Arbor's sister city, Tübingen, Germany.

Recognizing the need to raise the standard for sustainable design in her community, Jan led AIAHV's AIA+2030 professional development series collaborating with two community college and engaging over 100 professionals. Pushing for results, Jan led AIAHV to be a founding member of Ann Arbor's 2030 Emerging District, a collaboration of building owners, professionals and organizations dedicated to meeting the city's Climate Action Plan goals.

About The American Institute of Architects

Founded in 1857, the American Institute of Architects consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. Through nearly 300 state and local chapters, the AIA advocates for public policies that promote economic vitality and public wellbeing. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards. The AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation and world. Visit www.aia.org.

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