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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AIA MICHIGAN PRESIDENT'S AWARD ANNOUNCED

May 26, 2016 – Detroit, Michigan – Brian K. Craig, AIA, will receive the President's Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Michigan at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 10 at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI.

The President's Award was created in 1992, by the AIA Michigan to honor architects, who practice in the education or corporate field, and have made exceptional contributions to the profession and their community through academia, business or government.

Architect, educator, community leader, global volunteer, Brian Craig, AIA, utilizes his architectural abilities – creative, ethical, visionary, inclusive – to serve humanity and create a sustainable future. Since starting his career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Afghanistan, Brian has led and designed major architectural projects, founded a Master of Architecture program, taught architecture, and practiced sustainable architecture locally, nationally and internationally.

Brian's commitment to his long-time community of Grand Rapids includes having served as the 2000-2002 President of the GRPS Board of Education. Brian's board leadership resulted in a successful \$165 million 2004 ballot proposal to fund new and renovated schools. He has served on numerous community boards.

Brian's contributions have been recognized by his peers. He and the teams he has led received twenty-seven state and local AIA design and sustainability awards. Brian served as AIA Grand Rapids President in 1989, and in 2001 received the AIA Grand Rapids President's Award for service to the community and profession. He was instrumental in transforming Progressive AE into the firm that was recognized in 2002 as the AIA Michigan Firm of the Year. In 2016, Brian received the AIA Grand Rapids Lifetime Achievement Award.

Brian is currently the founding Director of the Master of Architecture Program of Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University. As the first professional architecture degree in West Michigan, the KCAD MArch engages students, faculty and professionals in the pursuit of architecture deeply rooted in a sense of place and community.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in Midtown Detroit, established its awards program to raise public awareness to 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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