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1. SAO Core Values Unveiled

The State Architect's Office recently adopted its new core values statement, created as a result of a team-building exercise held during SAO's annual retreat Sept. 26. During this retreat, headed by facilitator Timothy Kight of Focus 3, SAO employees learned about building and sustaining a high performance culture in the workplace, one which "effectively captures, focuses and aligns the human spirit of the people who do the work of the business."

During October, November and part of December, the core values action team (SAO staff members Nick Cassidy, Bruce Curtis, Jennifer Frear, Sophia Harris and Oscar Zanganeh) collaborated to develop the new Core Values Statement. During the development process, all SAO staff members were given a chance to provide their input and suggestions.

The final core values statement was unveiled during a staff meeting Dec. 18 and signed by all SAO staff members. For a complete copy of SAO's new core values statement, go to:
<http://www.gsd.das.state.oh.us/sao/corevalues.htm>.

2. Next SAO College Slated for April 2004 SAO College Spring Semester 2004 sessions are slated for April 8 at Cleveland State University, April 20 at the Sharonville Convention Center in Northern Cincinnati and April 28 at the Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin. The spring 2004 semester is the fifth series of seminars held by SAO since SAO College began in March 2002 under the direction of State Architect Roger B. Booker, AIA.

Sponsored by the State Architect's Office, SAO College provides opportunities for professionals in the design and construction industry as well representatives from other state agencies to learn more about the SAO process and the management of state construction projects. Topics are presented by an SAO staff expert in conjunction with a specialist from the architectural, construction or legal industry.

Topics for the April 2004 semester will be announced in February. For more information about SAO College, please contact Angela Carder at angela.carder@das.state.oh.us.

3. Updates to the Contractor Payment & Associate Payment Request Forms In May 2003, the State Architect's Office unveiled the new Microsoft Excel® versions of the Contractor payment request and Associate payment request forms. Based on some great feedback from our customers, in September, SAO reissued the forms with some programming corrections.

In our continuing improvement of our products, SAO has uploaded improved versions of these forms to our Web site. If you are currently using either of these forms, please download and use only the newest versions. They are available at: <http://www.gsd.das.ohio.gov/sao/saoforms.htm>.

Note: Please check the Web site periodically for any future updates.

4. More Project Profiles Added to SAO Web Site We've added several new project profiles to the SAO project profiles Web page including:

Cincinnati State Technical & Community College – Advanced Technology & Learning Center (ATLC) (parking garage is 100 percent complete, the ATLC building is approximately 40 percent complete). To view the college's live construction Web cam, visit: <http://atlc.cincinnatiastate.edu/view/view.shtml>.

Office of the Attorney General – Forensic Lab Facility (BCI) (completed in early 2000).

Owens Community College – The Center for Fine and Performing Arts (completed in August 2003).

Washington State Community College – Business & Industry Training Center (completed in September 2003)

Washington State Community College – Child Development Center (completed in January 2003)

Many thanks to those who have helped contribute to the development of this Web site by providing photographs. If you would like to submit photos of completed or in-construction SAO-administered projects, please e-mail Angela Carder at angela.carder@das.state.oh.us or phone her at 614.752.0448.

5. AIA Ohio Announces the 2003 Gold Medal Firm Award The Ohio Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Ohio) selected DesignGroup, Inc. of Columbus as the 2003 Gold Medal Firm of the Year. This award is the highest honor AIA Ohio bestows on an architectural firm.

The State Architect's Office has worked with DesignGroup, Inc. on several projects, including the Heart and Lung Institute building at The Ohio State University and several projects for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, including the Montgomery County Pre-Release Center, the Lake Erie Correctional Institute (1,000-bed secure facility) and, most recently, remediation work at Belmont Correctional Institution.

The State Architect's Office congratulates DesignGroup, Inc. on being selected for this prestigious award.

6. Federal Government Announces New SF 330 Form On Dec. 11, the federal government announced in the Federal Register the release of a new consolidated form for selection of architect-engineer contractors (FAR case 2000-608). This final rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to replace SF 254, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire, and SF 255, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Projects, with SF 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications. To download a copy of the new federal SF 330 form, go to: <http://www.acqnet.gov/far/FAC/fac2001-18.pdf>.

SAO is reviewing the new federal form to decide whether to adopt it for state use. Until further notice, please continue to use and submit the State of Ohio versions of the ADM-0254 and ADM-0255 forms. The state forms are located at: <http://www.gsd.das.ohio.gov/sao/saoforms.htm>. Please check future issues of the Ohio Register and SAO e-news for updates on this subject.

7. Link to the January 2004 Ohio Register The January 2004 Ohio Register has been posted to the Internet and can be viewed and printed at: <http://www.gsd.das.ohio.gov/sao/orb.html>.

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