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#### 1. Another Successful SAO College

More than 100 people attended SAO College Fall Semester 2004, which was held at the Columbus Marriot Hotel in October. Sponsored by the State Architect's Office, the purpose of SAO College is to provide Ohio's design and construction industry professionals with techniques for the successful management of state construction projects.

Sponsored by the State Architect's Office (SAO), SAO College provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the SAO process and the management of state projects.

The seminar included topics such as updates about the new EDGE (Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity) program, CSI MasterFormat 2004, Sustainable Design and the LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) program. Attendees learned how to prepare the ADM-0255 form, invoice for professional services and construction contracts, issue change orders and close out projects. Other topics included building codes and permits, partnering and interior design. The panel discussion focused on topics of timely interest to the industry.

SAO would like to thank all of you who participated in the daylong seminars. SAO also would like to thank the following co-presenters and panel members who were instrumental in making SAO College a success:

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#### 2. Mark Your Calendars for February

Time to mark your calendars again! Spring Semester SAO College is scheduled for this February. The State Architect's Office will collaborate with The Builders Exchange of Central Ohio for the largest construction trade show in Ohio, the Ohio Design and Construction Expo, held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. SAO College is slated for Feb. 2 and 3 as part of this Expo.

SAO College seminars are offered as part of the two full days of useful training provided on site at the Expo. SAO College provides opportunities for professionals in the design and construction industry as well as representatives from other state agencies to learn more about the SAO process and the management of state construction projects. Programs are presented by an SAO staff expert along with a specialist from the architectural, construction or legal industry. Topics for the spring semester will be announced in a future edition of the Ohio Register or SAO e-news.

Registration begins December 10, 2004. For more information on registration, please continue to check the State Architect's Office Web site at: [www.ohio.gov/sao/](http://www.ohio.gov/sao/).

#### 3. Permits Don't Come Easy

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) issues National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for private and government projects in Ohio. Many construction projects with less than five acres of site area now require NPDES permits. Until last year, most sites this size did not need these types of permits.

The OEPA Web site has great information about its programs (geared toward a general audience) and some terrific tipson what types of permits are needed as well as the application and submittal process (for designer professionals, contractors, and owners). One particularly useful page is <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/>. The information box in the middle of the page has links to other great resources. We also found <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/gpfact.html/> very interesting. The Web-based slide presentation gives useful tips and tricks to work through the permitting maze.

#### 4. Link to the December 2004 Ohio Register

The December 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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