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1. Notice to Bidders updated

SAO has issued updates to the Lead Contractor project and Construction Manager project versions of the Notice to Bidders. The list of plan rooms was revised to include all recognized plan rooms statewide. Another major change requires the Associate for each project to transmit one complete set of bid documents to each of the listed plan rooms in electronic (PDF) and paper format, regardless of project or plan room location. Previous versions of the Notice to Bidders are no longer valid and must not be used. The current Public Bid Announcement is still valid.

To access the new versions of the Notice to Bidders, go to the SAO Web site at www.ohio.gov/sao and click on "Front End."

2. Another successful SAO College

Approximately 250 customers attended SAO College 2006 held Feb. 1 and 2 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center as a part of the Ohio Design and Construction Expo.

Sponsored by the State Architect's Office, this year's SAO College provided agency customers, including architects, engineers, contractors, construction managers and state agency/institution owners, with information on how to do business with the State Architect's Office to help produce successful public construction projects.

Below are a few of the comments (used with permission) from some satisfied attendants:

"Just the information I was looking for. Great job!" - Capital City Electric
"Excellent! Very informative and enlightening!" - KZF Design
"Learned a lot - very informative. Incredible presentation." - Middough Consulting
"Excellent info on using forms. Very important information." - Planned Environmental Design

SAO wishes to thank the following individuals for their assistance in the presentation of SAO College: Michael J. Berning, P.E., LEED-AP, Heapy Engineering; Geoff Eaton, bureau chief, Ohio Department of Commerce, Industrial Compliance Division, Board of Building Standards; and Michael Tarullo, Esq., of Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn.

For more information about SAO College, contact Angie Carder at 614.752.0448. Stay tuned to SAO eNews for dates and locations of upcoming SAO College events.

3. Electronic seals and signatures allowed for architects and landscape architects.

The Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects and the Ohio Board of Landscape Architect Examiners have revised the seal rules for architects and landscape architects. Documents with electronic seals and signatures of architects and landscape architects may be transmitted to the appropriate building official for plan approvals.

The complete rules for architects can be found on the Board's Web site at <http://arc.ohio.gov>, or for landscape architects, at <http://arc.ohio.gov/lae>. For additional information, please contact the Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects at 614.466.2316.

4. New Residential Code of Ohio

The Ohio Department of Commerce, Industrial Compliance Division, Board of Building Standards (OBBS) has adopted rules for the new "Residential Code of Ohio for One-, Two- and Three Family Dwellings," (also referred to

as "RCO," "Residential Code" and "Residential Code of Ohio"). The new code becomes effective on and after May 27 for all jurisdictions where building code enforcement occurs for detached one-, two- and three family dwellings.

Printed versions of the code will be sold through two publishers: The International Code Council (1.888.422.7233) and Thompson/West Publications (1.800.362.4500). The new residential code will be available in the near future via the OBBS Web site at <http://www.com.state.oh.us/ODOC/dic/dicbbs.htm>.

5. SAO staff member promoted

Shelby Banton was promoted recently to team support services manager. Shelby began her career with the state in 1999 as a payroll specialist in the DAS Human Resources Division. In March 2004, she accepted a project coordinator position in our office.

Shelby was selected for this position from a field of more than 300 applicants. Regardless of her current experience with SAO, she surfaced as one of the finest candidates and was one of eight finalists chosen from internal and external candidates. Shelby's experience in our office plus her background in business and accounting, along with her excellent computer skills, are clearly some of the strengths that she brings to her new areas of responsibility, which includes managing the SAO consultant and constructability review lists. She also has an associate degree in finance, a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in business administration, and nearly completed the requirements for a Master of Arts degree with an emphasis in marketing. SAO is truly fortunate to have Shelby continue her career growth with us in her new role.

6. SAO Special Services manager elected to CSI National Board of Directors

SAO Special Services Manager Lane J. Beougher, AIA, CSI, LEED-AP has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI). Beginning July 1, Lane will represent the members of the Great Lakes Region, which is comprised of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan. He also will assume the role of region vice-president for the first two years and serve as president of the region during the remaining year. His previous service includes the Institute Technical Committee and the MasterFormat Implementation Task Team, two years as region technical chair and eight years on the Columbus Chapter Board including a term as president. He also has been a presenter at the Annual CSI Show and Convention, CSI University and the CSI Academics program.

CSI is a national association of more than 16,000 specification writers, architects, engineers, contractors, building materials suppliers and others involved in commercial and institutional building design and construction. For more information about CSI, go to <http://www.csinet.org>.

7. Link to the April Ohio Register

The April 2006 Ohio Register was posted to the SAO Web site on April 3. It can be viewed and printed at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register).

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Declaration regarding material assistance/non-assistance to a terrorist organization

According to a recent news release from Ohio Homeland Security: As a result of Ohio Senate Bill 9, applicants seeking certain state issued licenses, public employment or business contracts and funding must fill out new forms indicating that they have not provided financial assistance or support to a terrorist organization. These new requirements take effect on Friday, April 14.

The Declaration Regarding Material Assistance/Non Assistance to a Terrorist Organization (DMA) was created to provide the state with an additional tool to deter and prosecute acts of terrorism within Ohio. The U.S. State Department's Terrorist Exclusion List is being used to identify terrorist organizations. DMA is a provision of Ohio Senate Bill 9, which is Ohio's homeland security and anti-terrorism legislation. The revised version of the bill was signed into law by Governor Taft on January 11, 2006.

Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Sections 2909.32, 2909.33 and 2909.34, the following types of applicants must complete and submit a DMA form with their applications:

- Certain state issued licenses identified by the Ohio Department of Public Safety
- All candidates under final consideration for public employment
- Business contracts with and funding from any government entity in an annual aggregate amount greater than \$100,000
- Private entities that wish to do business with a government entity that adopts rules requiring pre-certification All DMA forms and reference information, including a list of licenses subject to DMA and the Terrorist Exclusion List, can be found on the Ohio Homeland Security Web site at www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/dma.asp.

The forms are in PDF format. The issuing agency is responsible for either directing applicants to the forms on the Web site or printing and providing hard copies to the applicant. The issuing agency will retain the completed forms along with the application. Anyone with questions can contact Ohio Homeland Security by calling the DMA hotline number at 614-644-3892 or by email at dma-info@dps.state.oh.us.

SAO soon will issue additional information on the effect of this new statutory requirement on professional services agreements and construction contracts.

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