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1. State Fire Marshal dedicates new building in Reynoldsburg

Several members of SAO attended the dedication of the renovated and expanded State Fire Marshal headquarters and the Ohio Fire Academy on Sept. 11 in Reynoldsburg. The ceremony took place in conjunction with the Fire Marshal's annual Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame awards ceremony.

Phillip Markwood Architects, Inc. and R. W. Setterlin Building Company, both of Columbus, served as the architect and general trades contractor for the project.

For more information about the project, go to <http://www.das.ohio.gov/gsd/sao/projects/COM-SFMHeadquarters.htm>.

2. SAO staff update

The State Architect's Office congratulates Arden E. Freeman, AIA, on his new position with The Ohio State University as a senior project manager. Arden worked for the State Architect's Office for more than four years, serving as deputy state architect for Team B, which includes project management for the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

Project Manager Kevin Russell has been named deputy state architect for Team B. Kevin is a registered architect and has worked for the State Architect's Office for 10 years, serving on Team B for the last five years. Previously, he worked in private industry for 10 years at NBBJ and Patrick + Associates.

3. AIA Ohio convention to be held Sept. 27-29

AIA Ohio, a society of the American Institute of Architects, will hold its annual convention Sept. 27-29 at the Westin Great Southern Hotel in downtown Columbus. The keynote speaker is Jeanne Gang, AIA, the head of Studio Gang Architects, an architectural practice in Chicago whose work is recognized as a design leader. Up to 15 AIA learning units are available to architects attending the full convention.

Many other events and continuing education opportunities are planned for the annual convention. For a full list of activities or to register, go to www.aiaohio.org.

4. Ohio Solar Tour Oct. 5-7

Renewable energy-powered and energy-efficient homes and buildings in Ohio and throughout the nation will be shown on public guided tours and open house sites in October. Simultaneous tours will be held in northeast, northwest, central, southwest and southeast Ohio from Oct. 5-7.

Sponsored by the clean energy advocate Green Energy Ohio (GEO), the Ohio Solar Tour encompasses sustainable features beyond solar energy in all corners of the state, highlighting hundreds of solar, wind, biomass, green design and energy-saving technologies. Site owners and GEO members will conduct tours at many sites open to the public during specified times. Guided tours to selected sites will be available in some areas, either with provided transportation or using your own personal vehicle. The tours are free and open to the public.

Regional Solar Tour guidebooks provide information on how to take the tours, including descriptions, photos and directions to sites. The guidebooks are available for free download on the GEO Web site at www.GreenEnergyOhio.org or by calling the GEO office at (866) GREEN-OH toll-free.

5. September Ohio Register

SAO posted the September 2007 issue of the Ohio Register to the SAO Web site on Tuesday, Sept. 4. The Ohio Register is available on the first business day of each month at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register).

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