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> Good Afternoon,
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> I am sending this press release on behalf of the Design Arts Partnership
> of South Carolina. For more information, please contact Dean Trakas at
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> AIA SPARTANBURG ARCHITECTS LAUNCH COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROGRAM TO BENEFIT
> GLENDALE COMMUNITY
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> Celebrating South Carolina Community Design in Glendale part of new
> nationwide "Blueprint for America" program created to mark the 150th
> anniversary of The American Institute of Architects.
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> For Immediate Release
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> Spartanburg, S.C. - AIA Spartanburg today was awarded a $10,000 grant by
> The American Institute of Architects (AIA) in Washington, D.C. to launch
> their Celebrating South Carolina Community Design program in Glendale.
> This initiative is part of a statewide effort to promote quality design
> and planning in South Carolina cities and towns, in collaboration with the

> South Carolina Design Arts Partnership. Part of a new nationwide community
> service program of the AIA titled "Blueprint for America: A Gift to the
> Nation," AIA Spartanburg and other AIA components around the state offer
> Celebrating South Carolina Community Design as a gift to the citizens of
> South Carolina. The AIA members' participation is provided at no fee.
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> The Blueprint for America is the primary program of AIA150, a yearlong
> observance in 2007 that will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of
> the AIA. The Blueprint program was created to offer citizens in
> communities across America an opportunity to celebrate their community
> heritage, address emerging architectural challenges and trends, and find
> their voices to help make their vision real for beautiful, safe, and
> livable communities.
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> The AIA Spartanburg initiative will work with citizens in Glendale, SC
> during a community design charrette, scheduled to take place January
> 25-26, 2007, to develop a master plan for the community. Glendale was
> selected through a competitive application process and chosen because of
> the important opportunity Glendale has to become a model for historic
> communities throughout the state.
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> "We are excited about the opportunity to bring new life and vitality to
> Glendale through design," said Dean Trakas, AIA150 Champion representing
> the Spartanburg Section.
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> "We applaud AIA Glendale for seizing this opportunity to demonstrate how
> good design makes a difference," said national AIA President Kate
> Schwennsen, FAIA. "The Blueprint for America is primarily about a vision
> of what's possible for communities. It's about helping communities see
> what is possible when architects, mayors and other civic leaders, and
> fellow citizens work together to tackle such issues as brownfields,
> accessibility for the disabled, affordable housing, sprawl, and
> environmental sustainability," she added.
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> The results of the Celebrating South Carolina Community Design charrette
> in Glendale and other AIA150 efforts from around the state will be
> presented to the statewide community this spring at the South Carolina
> Community Design Summit, scheduled to take place April 24-25 at the
> Clemson University Madren Center. The public is invited to attend. For
> registration information, call (803) 734-8622. Nationally renowned design
> experts will be part of the program, including David Downey from AIA's
> Center for Communities by Design.
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> For more information on Celebrating South Carolina Community Design please
> visit  http://www.southcarolinaarts.com/arts/designcelebrate.shtml.
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> A key requirement of the Blueprint for America initiatives is that they
> are guided by the AIA's "Ten Principles for Livable Communities," which
> challenge architects to demonstrate how good design is an investment and
> that well-designed communities attract and benefit residents, businesses,
> and visitors, and meet the needs of present and future generations alike.
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> Blueprint for America initiatives will evolve over the next three years
> and beyond. In 2006 AIA members begin engaging local leaders, defining the
> issues, and preparing to launch the eventual program. Local AIA component
> initiatives will be developed in 2007, the anniversary year. In 2008 the
> AIA national component will compile initiatives and release the national
> Blueprint for America.
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> Celebrating the Past, Designing the Future
> In 2007 the AIA will celebrate its 150th anniversary. The theme is
> "Celebrating the Past, Designing the Future." However, the main focus of
> the 150th anniversary will be the Blueprint for America; a nationwide
> initiative empowering citizens to share in creating a vision for their
> communities' design priorities.
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> Celebratory events will include National Architecture Week, April 9-14,
> 2007, in which AIA architects across the country will concurrently host
> such events as architecture-related lectures, exhibits, K-12 programs, and
> architecture week proclamation ceremonies.  For more information on the
> contributions of AIA architects and the role of the AIA in helping create
> the built environment of America over the past 15 decades, visit the AIA
> Web site www.aia.org.
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> About the Blueprint for America
> The Blueprint for America is a nationwide initiative through which AIA
> architects engage with fellow citizens, mayors, other professionals, and
> local government officials to collaborate on a community service program
> that addresses a community's distinct need. Through their state and local
> components, AIA architects will propose, convene, and participate in
> initiatives that utilize community engagement, in a collaborative process,
> and quality design as keys to improving a community's livability.
> Blueprint initiatives are a gift to the community from the members of the
> AIA, and the members' participation in the initiative is provided at no
> fee.
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> About The American Institute of Architects
> For almost 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects have
> worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable,
> healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings and cityscapes.  AIA members

> have access to the right people, knowledge, and tools to create better
> design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and
> communities make their visions real.   www.aia.org
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> South Carolina Design Arts Partnership
> The SC Design Arts Partnership (SCDAP) is a partnership of the South
> Carolina Arts Commission, Clemson University College of Architecture, Arts
> and Humanities, Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development,
> Clemson Extension, and Main Street South Carolina. Founded in 1994, its
> mission is to put quality design to work in South Carolina communities
> through direct action-oriented problem solving. The partnership uses the
> resources of Clemson University students to provide design assistance for
> communities statewide and hosts the annual Mayors Institute, South
> Carolina's premier design leadership training event. In addition, the
> partnership has the ability to call on the resources of affiliated
> professionals in architecture, landscape architecture, community and urban
> planning, historic preservation and economic development to assist
> communities as needed.