

Committee on the Environment

AIA Knowledge Community



RIDC Mill 19: Buildings A & B is a 2023 COTE Top Ten award recipient, Image: Corey Gaffer



Letter from the chair: May/June 2023

By Lori Ferriss, AIA

Congratulations to the 2023 COTE Top Ten Award recipients! This year's awardees demonstrate creative, innovative, human-centered approaches to climate action and climate justice.

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COTE-curated Guide to A'23

If you will be at the AIA Conference on Architecture 2023 this year, explore this guide, compiled-by-the-COTE-community, featuring COTE events and other sessions addressing topics central to COTE's mission -sustainability, resilience, equity, and zero-carbon.

[See the full guide >](#)



Why the AIA COTE Top Ten matters

By Michelle Amt, AIA

According to Henry Siegel, FAIA: "Design awards reward aesthetics. LEED ratings award performance. The Top Ten program does both." Well put.

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Reminders

Save the date - COTE Leadership Group applications process

The Knowledge Community application process is shifting:

- Applications open: May 16
- Applications close: June 15

Please use [this link](#) to get your names in the hat soon!

Save the date - Top Ten awards cycle is shifting

The Top Ten awards cycle is shifting: Please take note that the 2023-2024 cycle opens in August and is anticipated to close in October. More details coming soon!

Apply to be a COTE Top Ten juror

Are you a candidate to be a COTE Top Ten juror? AIA's jury selection process has evolved and depends in large part on self-nomination: Please nominate yourself and/or encourage others to do so. Use [this link](#), click on "Jury Service" and then "call for jurors application" at bottom of page. This is a rolling process, and names for the 2023/2024 Top Ten cycle will be collected as soon as June.



AIA Climate Action Business Playbook

By Dan Stine, AIA

AIA recently released a resource for building an architectural practice that embraces climate change mitigation and adaptation. There's an AIAU session!

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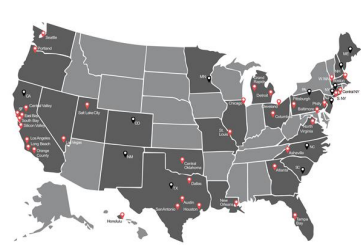


Advocacy update

By Arathi Gowda, AIA

As we make our way through pollen season and consider the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report, several nuggets give us that extra push to champion climate action and climate justice.

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COTE Network update

By Bunny Tucker, AIA

Here are some resources and convenings for COTE chapter leaders and the COTE Community

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Readings + Resources

LTL Architects' New Book Cuts Through Houses Constructed of Low-Carbon Materials

By Fred A. Bernstein | Architectural Record

Review: 'Manual of Biogenic House Sections' by Paul Lewis, Marc Tsurumaki, and David Lewis

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ASLA Field Guide

We all know climate action by design is a broad, multidisciplinary effort, and there is much to learn from the guidelines and approaches of allied professions. To wit, here's a terrific guide from ALSA.

[See the guide >](#)

Can We Halve Carbon in the Built Environment?

By Kelly Alvarez Doran | ARCHITECT Magazine

Read pertinent thoughts on how to decrease the carbon emissions of buildings in this decade.

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Architects Zero in on Zero to Define Building Performance

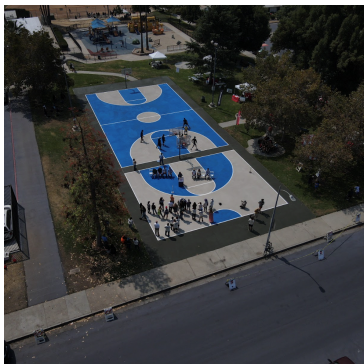
By Justin R. Wolf | Architectural Record

What do we mean when we call something "zero carbon"? Its definition is self-evident, like "gluten-free" or "tax-deductible." But does the term need a

qualifier?

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Partner Content: Creating Net-Positive Communities

By Jeff Terry and Jennifer Keegan for GAF

We have a unique opportunity to improve lives. Collectively, we need to take approaches to address the built environment's impacts on climate.

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