

Small Firm Exchange LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SUMMARY

AIA Kansas City - AIA Kansas City - Pillars Program

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this program is to prepare a representative cross section of emerging leaders among architects for their role in shaping the future of both the architectural profession and the communities in which they live. The program includes active participation in programs and exposure to community leaders and issues. Criteria for acceptance include proven career success and community involvement. Benefits of the program include: development of relationship skills, skill development, team performance, and chapter and community leadership.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Type of Program: Monthly Number of Program Graduates: 130+ Duration, Number of Sessions: 10 mos, 9 ses Tuition: 800

Program Audience: Local Program Expenses/Cost:

Session Locations Local How Created: **Volunteers** Admission: **Selective** How Run: **Volunteers** Selection: appl, ref ltr, intv Length of Sessions: 5 hours Year Started: 2006 Mentor- or Participant-Driven: Participant-

Driven

Number in each Session: 15 Project Included: No Number of Years Conducted: 9 Community Service Included: Yes

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

There is no project in this program.

PROGRAM IMPACT:

The program benefits participants, their sponsoring firms and the greater Kansas City community, including development of relationship skills, skill development, team performance, and chapter and community leadership. People historically have joined AIA KC to apply.

PROGRAM FEATURES: (Sessions, Speakers, Topics, etc.)

The program is self-directed. At the first meeting, the group is given suggestions for topics, locations, speakers, etc. They then determine how they want to structure the program. The group meets monthly for nine months. Each month a different small team drawn from the group has responsibility for setting the program, arranging speakers, etc. Topics of meeting sessions include politics and advocacy, academia and mentorship, business and legal issues, project delivery and partnership, communication methodologies, outreach, industry trends and economic development. http://www.aiakc.org/pillars leadership program.asp