

Committee on the Environment

AIA Knowledge Community



AIA COTE Top Ten 2023 winner Nueva School's Science and Environmental Center Image: Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects, Richard Barnes

Letter from the Chair:



By Michelle Amt, AIA

Read about changes to the COTE Top Ten Awards celebrations and our take on some AIA winners this year.

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Leaders Driving Sustainability: New faces of COTE

By Bruce Boul

Learn about three new members of the COTE Leadership Group: Seonhee Kim, AIA; Ellen Mitchell, AIA; and Joyce Raybuck, AIA.

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COTE Mourns the Loss of Marsha Maytum, FAIA

By Kira Gould, Hon. AIA

She was an immensely generous designer, teacher, leader, mentor, and friend; she inspired many of us to be better, work harder, and think more expansively about what's possible.

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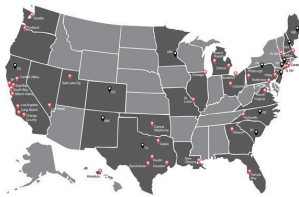


Viewpoint: Why Firms Need Sustainability Leads

By Marisol Foreman, AIA

A dedicated sustainability manager plays a key role in navigating the complex intersection of architectural creativity and environmental responsibility.

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COTE Network Update

By Bunny Tucker, AIA

Updated resources—Chapter Guide and Common App—available now, and much more.

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AIA 2030 Commitment Update

By Jesse Walton, AIA, and David Arkin, AIA

Here's the latest on the AIA 2030 Commitment program, the progress, the platform, and what you can do now.

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Join the COTE Community + Receive COTE news

Anyone can join the COTE Community and receive COTE news via email. If you or someone you know would like to join and receive this directly, sign up now!

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More from COTE

COTE Student Competition Deadlines Approaching

Is your alma mater or local school of architecture taking part? Help engage the next generation in holistic design excellence. The registration deadline is April 10; submissions are due June 5.

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Learning from Peers

Learn directly from firms about how they do their AIA 2030 Commitment reporting in a series by the Sustainable Performance Institute for AIA:

- [Small firms](#)
- [Medium firms](#)
- [Large firms](#)

Firms include Arkin Tilt, Paul Poirer & Associates, TBDA, Zero Energy Design, Feldman Architecture, Johnson Roberts Associates, Kaplan Thompson, OPAL, Placetaylor, Yost Grube Hall, CO Architects, EHDD, Green Hammer, LPA Design Studios, Mithun.

AIA24 in D.C. in June

Join COTE for the COTE Open Forum on June 6, "Climate Advocacy & Market Transformation," with a special guest speaker and opportunities to engage with COTE community members from all over the country. We are compiling our COTE Guide to AIA24: if you are speaking on topics relevant to our community, please e-mail [Kira Gould](#) with the session title, number, date, time, speakers).

2030 Commitment reporting deadline is March 31.

The AIA 2030 Commitment team is hosting a series of open office hours. Pop in if you or any of your colleagues have any questions on reporting your projects.

[See full schedule >](#)

Browse a plethora of information in our DDx Help Pages.

[See more >](#)

AIAU On-demand: An Introduction to the AIA Framework for Design Excellence

Earn 1 LU / HSW | Cost: Free (with Discount Code: MHI13UM2RD7R)

Propel your practice's success with the AIA Framework for Design Excellence—the defining 10 principles of design excellence in the 21st century. In this introductory course, you will learn the origin, evolution, and significance of each of the framework's principles and examine how they advance progress toward a zero-carbon, healthy, just, resilient, and equitable built environment.

[Learn more and register >](#)

AIAISC'24 - AIA International Spring Conference Decarbonizing Construction: From Material Production to Preservative Adaptive Reuse

March 14–16, 2024 | Estimated 20+ LU / HSW | Cost: Free

Join us for a global discussion about how architects and others around the world are finding innovative ways to evolve the industry!

[Learn more and register >](#)

How Architects can Make a Difference NOW in Housing and Climate

April 1, 12–1pm ET | AIA credit pending approval | Cost: Free

This interactive program explores the ways architects have and continue to make significant progress in meeting housing needs and responding to the climate crisis.

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Reading + Resources

COP28: Bridging Technical & Cultural Climate Solutions

By Lori Ferriss, AIA | Buildings & Cities Journal

Both technical advancements and human-and-nature-centered solutions of culture and heritage are needed.

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AI and the Green Building Industry

By Justin Wolf | Green Building Advisor

Machine learning models can be used to produce high-performance buildings, but to what ends?

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Drawing the Line

By Dan Barber | Places Journal

Becoming expert in repair, finding creativity in the historical and material weight of existing conditions: for architects in the Anthropocene, this is a

growth opportunity.

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IRA Calculator with Multifamily Focus

GBBN has developed a tool to help firms and owners explore and identify potential incentives.

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Outside the Building: Nature Based Solutions

Featuring Pamela Conrad | BuildWell Project

When designing landscapes and infrastructure, we can be more creative, get nicer results, and store carbon.

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Science Track: Design for Climate Adaptation

By Billie Faircloth, FAIA | UIA World Congress of Architects

Faircloth co-chaired the Design for Climate Adaptation science track at the 2023 UIA World Congress of Architects.

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The Materials Movement: Creating Value with Better Building Materials

By Victoria Oestreich | The Urban Land Institute

Making the transition to healthy and sustainable materials does not have to be complicated. Changes throughout the development process can significantly affect the overall health and sustainability of the final project.

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Embodied Carbon Optimizer

This tool by 2050 Materials provides a simplified LCA for early design phases to quickly compare the climate impacts of building systems, like facades and roofs, by customizing standard assemblies per component.

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