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### **AIA MICHIGAN PRESIDENT'S AWARD ANNOUNCED**

June 12, 2013- Detroit, Michigan- Architect, educator and “Sustainability Champion” Paul H. Goldsmith, RA will receive the President’s Award from the American Institute of Architects Michigan at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 14 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA) in Ann Arbor.

The President’s Award was created in 1992 by AIA Michigan to honor architects who practice in the education or corporate field, that have made exceptional contributions to the profession and their community through academia, business or government.

Goldsmith graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology (LTU) in 1972, and has worked in the practice of Architecture for over 40 years. His early career varied from traditional architectural practice, but he returned to architectural practice at the firm of Harley Ellis Devereaux (HED). At HED, Goldsmith has held positions in Project Management with promotion to Director of the Architecture Department to his current responsibility as the Sustainability Champion of the national A/E firm.

Goldsmith is a United States Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED Accredited Professional, an expert in sustainable design, and champion of HED’s development of design standards for projects seeking LEED certification. He has been directly involved in the Certification Process of over 25 LEED Certified Projects at HED. Goldsmith has been actively involved as a writer for Workshops for USGBC and is one of the founding members of the USGBC Detroit Regional Chapter and has served the USGBC from local to National levels.

Goldsmith joined Americorps in 2012 to work in the Detroit Public Schools to implement “sustainable practices in the first group of 40+ Elementary, Middle and High Schools throughout the city of Detroit. Along with nine other Americorps members, he established a program and interactive projects for students of all grades to implement changes with the goal of reducing energy consumption the Detroit Public Schools. In addition, the first stages of a full waste recycling program was implemented in the first 25 schools on April 1, 2013. Extracurricular projects i.e. creating vegetable gardens and rain water catchment projects have begun. This program will be expanded, in the next school year, to encompass a wide range of “sustainable green “practices in the entire school system. The excitement and response of the students as well as the school faculty has been overwhelming in its support of the “greening” of the Detroit Public School System.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, established its awards program to bring to public attention the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard.

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