



AIA Nebraska

A Society of
The American Institute of Architects

The OCULUS

A Bimonthly Newsletter of AIA Nebraska
Volume 1998, Issue No. 4

J U L Y • A U G U S T

1

9

9

8

VALUE ADDED.....



The AIA Nebraska Executive Committee, in ongoing service to the members, has negotiated significant pricing discounts with Cyber Systems, Inc and Avatech Solutions (formerly NeCAD, Inc). These incentives are offered **ONLY** to members of AIA Nebraska, and are applicable on software products and training. An additional incentive offered by the training, is the accumulation of learning unit for the AIA CES program.

Technology and information systems were identified as an integral part of the AIA Nebraska long range plan. This included both an awareness of the availability of programs and training for members to effectively do business, and an interface to the World Wide Web. A Web Page for AIA NE is currently in development, with hopes of unveiling the final product to members in late summer.

Ron Baker, AIA with HDR Architecture Inc in Omaha, chairs this committee and serves as a Director on the Executive Committee for AIA NE.

Specific pricing information is located on Page 11 of this issue of the Oculus .

Autodesk, Inc will be mailing directly to AIA members, information on a rebate program.

Further questions can be directed to Dan Meyer at Cyber Systems, Inc in Omaha 402/496-0555 or Gary Raftery, PE at Avatech Solutions, 402/451-6669.

Value added membership is illustrated in these types of partnerships. The discounts alone more than offset the cost of AIA Membership. Feel free to either share this information with or forward names of non members interested in pursuing this opportunity. This type of ongoing professional relationship creates mutually beneficial ventures.

Feel free to contact the AIA NE office at 402/472-1456 or fax 402/472-1654 or email: gkrueger@unlinfo.unl.edu if you have suggestions on other types of incentive programs.

In This Issue

- 2 State News
- 3 National News
- 4 Chapter News
- 5 IAYA Registration
- 6 Art x Architects Registration
- 7 Member News
- 8 Continuing Education
- 10 Other Opportunities
- 11 Incentive Pricing
- 12 Calendar

Cyber Systems, Inc

5130 N 106th St. • Omaha, NE 68134-2425
402/496-0555 • F: 402/496-0083
WEB Site: www.cybersys.com

Avatech Solutions

8319 N. 30th St. • Omaha, NE 68112
402/451-6669 • F: 402/451-8007
WEB Site: www.avat.com.



The 1998 AIA Nebraska Handbook s

The 1998 AIA Nebraska Handbooks have arrived and have been mailed to members, firms, and advertisers. They will be distributed to the support industries for use. Every effort has been made to have correct information in the books, however, if a discrepancy is found, let Luz or Gayle know.

The delay in receiving the books was caused by circumstances beyond the control of the AIA NE Executive Committee or staff, as explained in a memo inserted in the back of the handbook.

Additional books are available for \$25.00 each plus s/h. Contact AIA Nebraska at 402/472-1456, fax: 402/472-1654 or email: gkrueger@unlinfo.unl.edu or lducharm@unlinfo.unl.edu.



1998 President's Letter

**By Stan How, III,
AIA, AIA NE
President**

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the AIA National Convention in San

Francisco. This year's conference was held at the Mascone Center. The convention had an overall attendance of some 17,000 people. There were at least 40 AIA Nebraska members who attended, many of which I was fortunate enough to see while I was there. The theme this year was "Bridges" which was appropriate not only because it was held in the *City of Bridges*, but also because of the analogy to many aspects of our profession.

There were a tremendous number of seminars and city tours available. The trade show space accommodated hundreds of exhibitor displays, many of which were brand new products. It was a great opportunity for me to meet and exchange ideas with other AIA members from around the country.

At this writing, members of the AIA are about half way through the first full year of the AIA's Continuing Education System (CES). Recently, I received a report outlining the 1998 CES statistics for all components across the country. Nebraska currently ranks 11th in the country of members that have completed their 1997 requirements and 5th in the country of members that have completed their 1998 requirements.

While these statistics speak well for Nebraska members as a whole, there is still work to be done. As I am sure you are all aware, members who have not met the CES requirement for the years ending 1997 and 1998, may not have their membership renewed in 1999 by AIA.

It has been my long standing belief that the vast majority of our members are, and have been pursuing continuing education opportunities for years, long before the AIA instituted the CES program. For many of us, we simply have not taken the time to fill out the forms and send them in to receive the credits.

Early this year, you should have all received a CES report showing exactly where you stand. I would ask you all to review your status and take a few minutes to see that all programs you have attended are properly documented.

Should you find that you still need Learning Units (LUs) to fulfill your CES requirements, I would take this opportunity to give a plug to our Annual Design Conference to be held in September 17-18 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Lincoln. This year's conference will have numerous Learning Units offered to our members. This is a terrific opportunity to finish up your requirements. If you are unsure of your current status, please call AIA/CES at 800/605-8229, Gayle Krueger, CAE at 402/472-1456, or myself at 402/330-5555 to get a copy of your current standing.

Centennial Opps

The Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition opened June 1, 1898. The goal was to promote the products, progress and resources of states and territories west of the Mississippi River. The exhibits were housed in a series of elaborate but temporary buildings. The centerpiece of the 184-acre site was the Grand Court, designed by Thomas Kimball, FAIA, the expo's lead architect.

Several opportunities are availed to individuals during this Centennial year including:

- UNO Television production of "Westward the Empire: Omaha's World Fair of 1898" Funding assistance was provided by the AIA College of Fellows and the Architecture Foundation of Nebraska. Set to air at 6 p.m. CDT June 27 on the Educable Channel.
- An exhibit at the Durham Western Heritage Museum.
- A reproduction of the Grand Court at the Douglas County Office Buildings. This exhibit was recreated with the talents of AIA Nebraska members in Omaha and Lincoln.

Further information on the Trans-Mississippi activities is on the Web at <http://www/omaha.lib.ne.us/transmiss>.



AIA National Annual Business Meeting Results

Members Vote for Three-Year Ad Campaign.

Delegates at the annual business meeting voted in favor of a bylaws change that will delegate to the Board of Directors the authority to levy an annual assessment of \$50 per member in the years 1999, 2000, and 2001 to support a national television advertisement campaign. The money collected through this assessment is to be used exclusively for the campaign.

Delegates also approved a bylaws amendment to allow the Board to confer honorary membership on presidents of national and international professional architectural associations.

A motion to delegate authority to the Board to amend the bylaws to create a nonvoting class of membership for AIA students failed.

Delegates also voted on and passed two resolutions:

Resolution 98-2, The Architectural Registration Examination (ARE), resolved that the AIA shall strongly advise NCARB to immediately evaluate recommendations of the AIA task force on the exam and to reduce the cost of the exam as soon as possible.

Resolution 98-3, Copyrighted American Institute of Architects Documents, resolved that elected and appointed leaders of the AIA and its components shall encourage all members to respect the copyright of AIA documents.

Resolution 98-1, CES/State Board Reciprocity, which proposed that any member meeting a state's mandatory continuing-education requirements will be deemed to have satisfied the AIA's continuing education requirements, was withdrawn.

As is traditional, the delegates also voted to extend appreciation to retiring board members, the host chapter and convention committees, exhibitors, and Ronald Arthur and Alice Altoon.

Congress passed the Fair Housing Amendments Act in 1988. The Amendments expand coverage of Title VIII to prohibit discriminatory housing practices based on disability and familial status. The Fair Housing Act establishes design and construction requirements for multifamily housing built for first occupancy after March 13, 1991. The law provides that a failure to design and construct certain multifamily dwellings to include certain features of accessible design will be regarded an unlawful discrimination.

Under the Fair Housing Act, HUD is not required to review plans or issue a certification of compliance with the Fair Housing Act. ***The burden of compliance rests with the person or persons who design and construct***



AIA Lincoln Report

By Ed Vidlak, AIA, President

In San Francisco, during the '98 AIA Convention and Expo., AIA President *Ron Altoon, FAIA*, spoke fervently of our profession's role for the next millennium. He noted: our jobs allow us the power to instruct, inspire, unite and direct; our responsibility to educate our children of the importance of design; our emphasis toward "neighborhood" in our evolving communities; and our responsibility of understanding history while embracing technology.

In support of these ideals, the following are upcoming AIA membership opportunities for continuing education in Lincoln.

June 26: Endicott Clay Products Factory and New Products Tour. This includes complimentary transportation, lunch and afternoon golf outing at the Fairbury Country Club. RSVP 800-927-9179.

July 14: The Landscape Architecture of Nebraska's Herminghouse. By Prof. Richard Sutton, in collaboration with PAL. Brown Bag at the Nebraska History Museum, 15th and "P" Streets.

July 29: The Fundamentals of New Electronic Technologies and Data Networking in the Architectural Design Process. Media Integrators Incorporated. Lunch at Valentino's-downtown.

August 6: A.D.A. Design Workshop. Update of new guidelines and available A.D.A. compliant products. 4:00-6:00 at the Villager Conference Center.

September 17/18th: Dan Worth, Kevin Clark, Gayle Krueger and their committee have been busy organizing the continuing education seminars and workshops for the state design conference. See the AIA-Nebraska/Convention registration form for the complete line-up.

Other news include the board's decision to support *Scott Sullivan, AIA*, with his campaign to light the Historic City Hall Building, at 9th and "O" Streets. We are exploring ways, financial and otherwise, to offer assistance to this effort. Again, if you have any ideas, suggestion, or concerns regarding this project, please call any of the AIA Lincoln Board members before July 7th.

AIA Lincoln would like to extend a sincere congratulations to *Tom Laging, FAIA*, for being honored as our newest AIA Fellow. Also, best wishes to *Jay Palu* as he begins his term as National AIAS President in Washington. With his departure, AIA Lincoln welcomes *Tim Politis*, NE AIAS President, as our new student liaison to the board.

Omaha Chapter Report

By Paul Jeffrey, AIA, President

Judging by the inspiring words of *Robert Ivy*, editor of *Architectural Record* at our June 4th membership meeting, we really **DO** have kicking programs this year! Mr. Ivy stretched our vision of what architecture encompasses, and gave us a snapshot of what to expect in the near future. My thanks go out to *Gary Bowen, FAIA* and *Patrick Leahy, AIA* for helping with the program.

All members should have received our Program Calendar for the year - describing the great programs your Board has set up for you, the membership. Our goal is to give you some great architectural inspiration, and to get us all together regularly to share in it.

There's reason to be excited about being in architecture now, besides the economy. With upcoming programs such as the always-popular 'On the Boards' meeting in July, and speakers like Billy Tsien and Gene Kohn around the corner, it's great being a member of the Omaha AIA. We have also invited all AIA Nebraska members to our programs. We've received feedback, so we'll be reviewing the program admission to encourage attendance, so watch for those mailers and come see, hear, and talk architecture.

Joe Saniuk, AIA is heading a group to study the organization of a design competition for a home-building project here in Omaha. Announcements are expected at our next meeting.

The Board is also working on giving its members better recognition for their work to our local media and people of the metropolitan area. PR tips, talking with local media and more exposure of architectural issues to the general populous will be forthcoming.

Oh, and another special invitation to current non-members to our meetings: Members, **BRING YOUR NON-MEMBER ARCHITECT FRIENDS** to our programs and win prizes if they join AIA Omaha.

The AIA Omaha Board is here to serve you - the member, so give any of us a call or e-mail with anything YOU think we should be doing, or doing better. See you at the next meeting!

ARE . . . THANKS!!

The following individuals need to be recognized for their dedication to the Architectural Registration Examination Preparation Seminars hosted by AIA Nebraska. Many thanks for the time they took to help perspective test takers prepare for the ARE.

Architectural History

Ted Ertl, AIA - UN-L College of Architecture

Materials & Methods

Dale Bowder, AIA - The Clark Enersen Partners

Construction Documents / Services

Frank Thompson, AIA - Leo A Daly Company

Mechanical / Plumbing

Ron Fuerbach - Alvine and Associates

Electrical

Tom Thibodeau - Alvine and Associates

Site Design

Dennis Scheer - The Clark Enersen Partners

Structures (1, 2, Long Span, Lateral Forces & Problem Solving)

Nelson Hymans - Thompson Dreesen Dorner

Predesign

Kevin Clark, AIA - Sinclair Hille & Associates
Martin Janousek, Leo A Daly

Building Design

Kevin Clark, AIA - Sinclair Hille & Associates
Martin Janousek, Assoc. AIA - Leo A Daly

A special thank you to **Jeffrey Monzu, Assoc. AIA**, with Leo A Daly for his help in organizing and taking attendance. Also, kudos to **HDR Architecture, Inc. and Bruce Carpenter, AIA** for lending AIA NE their conference room.

The ARE seminars are an important part in training associates to successfully master the test. Again, thank you to the assistance of the above individuals for providing a quality learning experience.

Purpose

The intent of this program is to recognize the professional activities of the interns, associates, and young architects in Nebraska. Though most are not directly responsible for entire projects, contributions made can have a significant impact on the quality of the finished project. AIA NE hopes this will foster a better awareness of design excellence.

Eligibility

Entries may be submitted by interns, associates, and registered architects with not more than ten years of experience. **Work done for academic credit is not eligible.**
 Entries may be any type of architecturally related work (i.e. furniture, landscape, planning, management, a part or parts of a building, community service, etc.).

Exhibition

Entries will be displayed at the AIA Nebraska State Convention, September 17 - 18, 1998. After the convention, the display will be at the UN-L College of Architecture for a project to be held with the AIAS. *Return of projects is the entrants' responsibility.*

Review

Entries will be informally reviewed by members of the professional Honor Awards Jury, and registered members of AIA NE. A brief presentation of works will begin at 5:00 p.m. • Thursday, September 17, 1998 at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Lincoln / 141 N 9th Street • Lincoln, NE. Each entrant will be asked to summarize the entry for no longer than two (2) minutes. An open viewing of the exhibit will follow, with comments from reviewers.

Format

Requirements:

1. Entry may be submitted on a 31" x 31", 3/16" foam core board. *It is the responsibility to install, display, and remove if entry is presented in a different format from the board.*
2. Provide any plans, elevations, sections, details, renderings, and photographs necessary to communicate the design's intent and solution.
3. The following information should be included with the entry:
 - A. Name of project.
 - B. Name of entrant and associated design firm.
 - C. Educational Institute from which you earned your degree, and degree conferred.
 - D. Number of years of work experience.
 - E. Detailed description of entrants responsibilities pertaining to the entry (less than 200 words) .
 - F. AIA NE STATE CONVENTION - Intern, Associate, Young Architect Exhibit.
4. Signature of the firm design principle signifying consent of the entrant's participation, **must be included.**

AIA Nebraska Members\$15.00 per Entry

Non AIA Nebraska Members\$25.00 per Entry

Registration and fee(s) due in the AIA Nebraska Office by Friday, August 28, 1998, 5:00 p.m. **LATE ENTRIES ADD \$10.00 PER ENTRY**

Projects are Due 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 1998, at the Holiday Inn Downtown / (Ramada Plaza) • 141 N 9th Street •

Lincoln, N E. Fee is non-refundable. *AIA NE bears no responsibility for breakage, disappearance, or destruction of entries.*

Questions

AIA Nebraska • Post Office Box 80045 • Lincoln, NE 68501-0045
 402/472-1456 / NE 800/332-0265 FAX: 402/472-1654 or 402/472-3806

Registration

Work submitted for the 1998 AIA NE IAYA Exhibit.

Number of Entries submitted : _____ Enclosed is payment to AIA NE for \$ _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone and Fax: _____

Name and Signature of Project Architect/Design Professional: _____

Art by Architect Form



AirePlex Entertainment
Center design by HDR

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Your VOTE is Important

Design has begun on AirePlex, a family entertainment center which will include an outdoor amphitheater/indoor performance center, two restaurants, a canopied picnic area, a night sky observatory, children's stage and camp barracks, artists' housing, and a hotel. AirePlex will be located in Cass County, NE, between Omaha and Lincoln. The news release is available on the HDR Web site under "Hot Topics" at www.hdrinc.com. For more information contact Ann Petersen at 402/330-0202 ext. 703, E-Mail: apeterse@hdrinc.com.

International Building Code

Questions about the International Building Code?? What is the status? What will be the impact? Susan Kelley • City of Omaha Planning Department • 402/444-5364, offers her assistance to design professionals, with questions you may have.

AIA NE Welcomes these members:

AIA

Donovan Wattier, HDR Architecture, Omaha

Associate AIA

Thomas M McLaughlin, ZBM, Omaha

Affiliates

Randy Hobbs, Millard Drywall, Omaha

Lee Rasmussen, Omaha Door & Window, Omaha

Grasso named Associate at BV H

Bahr Vermeer & Haecker Architects has named **Dan Grasso, AIA**, and Gil Peace associates in its Lincoln Office. Both are UNL graduates who provide a architectural planning, design and contract administration services. **Grasso** has worked on government, private, religious, and educational projects. Peace's experience includes work for religious, educational, health care and government clients. **Congratulations!**

This will serve as official notification for the Annual Meeting / Election of Officers for AIA Nebraska on Friday, September 18, 1998 • 2:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Holiday Inn • Lincoln, NE. The AIA Nebraska nominating committee will present a slate of officers for election at the meeting.

The following officers will come on to the 1999 AIA Nebraska Executive Committee without balloting:

Robert Schoenleber, AIA *AIA NE President*
Schoenleber, Shriner & Hittle

David Wiebe, AIA *AIA Lincoln President*
Wiebe & Johnson, Inc

J Michael West, AIA *AIA Omaha President*
Krhounek Povondra Architects

Richard Stacy, AIA *AIA Western President*
Great Plains Architecture

Stan J How, III, AIA *AIA NE Past President*
Staley J How & Associates, Inc

Tim Politis *AIAS President*
UNL College of Architecture

W. Cecil Steward, FAIA *Ex-Officio Member*
UN-L College of Architecture

Gayle E. Krueger, CAE *Executive Director*



Elections will be held for the following offices:

☉ **President Elect:**

☉ **Secretary:**

☉ **Treasurer:**

☉ **Director (2):**

☉ **Associate Director**

Names can be submitted for nomination in one of the following manners:

1) from the floor

2) called into AIA NE office by Sept. 9.

Questions??? call AIA NE at 402/472-1456, Email: gkrueger@unlinfo.unl.edu.

Continuing Education

The OCULUS
July · August
1998



AIA Nebraska

Continuing Education
Mandatory for Membership SEMINARS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS / FORUMS

Continuing Education is now MANDATORY for membership into AIA. As such, AIA Nebraska in conjunction with the local chapters in Lincoln, Omaha, and Western Nebraska have enhanced opportunities in which to learn and acquire meaningful Learning Units. Currently the State of Nebraska Registration Laws have enabling language with regards to continuing education. The current draft of the Rules and Regulations would make it a requirement for relicensure.

CONTACT AIA Nebraska if you have not fulfilled your requirements for 1997, so we can assist you in determining your member status. As well, ways to secure the necessary Learning Units for 1998. A self report form was included in the 1998 Handbook.

You can access the AIA Continuing Education Program via *AIAOnline* at www.aiaonline.com, then to Architect then to Continuing Education. All the report forms can be accessed using this system.

Following are the CES Statistics for Nebraska

Members complete for 1998 - 130 members - 52.85%

Members complete for 1997 - 191 members - 77.64%

Members with some of the '97 requirements - 246 members - 95.93%

Total members required to participate - 246.

Contact AIA Nebraska at 402/472-1456 with questions / comments, or access us via email: gkrueger@uninfo.unl.edu or lducharm@uninfo.unl.edu.



The Toward Tomorrow Festival

July 23-16, 1998, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA. NESEA presents a weekend of solar-powered music and education featuring three conferences: Quality Building, Timber Framers Guild of North America, and Renew '98, a musical festival titled *The Solar-Powered Music Festival*. For information call 413/774-6051, E-mail: nesea@nesea.org.

Frost Action and Infrastructure Design

July 22-24, 1998, White River Junction, VA. This intensive short course will cover the current practices for analyzing, designing, building, and maintaining constructed facilities in cold regions—regions with seasonally frozen ground and regions with perennial frozen ground. For information call 800/462-0876.

Opening Doors Architecture in Action

August 7-10, 1998, Atlanta. This fifth Annual Diversity Conference will expand understanding, explore cultural issues, and activate an appreciation of diversity in the people and policies of the AIA and the profession. Some of the workshops include: Entrepreneurship, Leadership, Universal Design, Community Design, Mentoring, Cultural Design. Participants may earn up to 27 CES LUs for attending this conference. For information, call AIA PIA: 202/626-7482, 800/242-3837.

XX UIA Congress: Beijing 1999

After Barcelona in 1996, the first UIA Congress to be held in Asia will take place in Beijing, **June 23-26, 1999**. The theme is Architecture of the 21st Century and is composed of six sub-themes. Details of the congress preparations can be consulted on two web sites, the UIA's: <http://www.uia-architectes.org> (in English and French) and that of the Architectural Society of China (in Chinese and English): <http://www.cin.gov.cn>.

Designing Water Quality into the Landscape Conference

Sept. 11-12, 1998, UNL, Lincoln, NE. The NE Dept. of Environmental Quality with assistance from the UN-L Dept. of Horticulture will host a two-day workshop entitled *Designing Water Quality into the Landscape*. The conference will include an informal get-together on 6/10 and a tour to the Festival of Color at Mead, NE, on 6/12. On 6/11, speakers from across the United States will be presenting information on landscape health, the fate of chemicals in urban landscapes, myths related to turf water management in landscapes, key elements in environmental landscape design, and people's interactions with/reaction to naturalistic landscapes. For information call *Asst. Prof. Steve Rodie* at 402/554-3752 in Omaha.

Ways to Achieve your Annual 36 LUs

- Take a computer course. Record it by completing a Self Assessment Form.
- Attend an AIA chapter or CSI educational meeting.
- Read a special, preselected article from *Architectural Record*.
- Teaching? Record time you spend researching **new knowledge** to prepare for a presentation.
- On the Road traveling? Report your architectural learning opportunities completing a Self-Assessment Report.
- Complete an NCARB monograph and test.
- Attend AIA PIA conferences.



Other OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYMENT OPPS

ARCHITECT: Medium sized firm seeks architect with 5+ yrs. exp. Responsibilities include all aspects of project management, from initial client contact through design and construction services, for varied project types. CAD exp. desirable. Resume to: LMC Architects, Inc., 1055 N 115th St., #100, Omaha, NE 68154.

In Search of the Golden Fleece...

McCarty Architects is in search of those rare individuals with the unique ability to "make it happen"...and with an interest in the deep relationship between design and construction. At least 5 yrs. exp. with the ability to make decisions and to manage, autocad capabilities, a team player. This position is in Tupelo, MS, a growing community recognized in recent years by the Wall Street Journal and other sources for its strong economic growth and excellent quality of life. Resume to Mona Broadway, McCarty Architects, P O Box 440, Tupelo, MS 38802, fax 601/844-0500.

Places and Spaces of N E

The coloring book developed by the Architecture in Schools committee of AIA Omaha, with assistance from AIA Nebraska and funding from the Architectural Foundation of Nebraska is now online at <http://www.unl.edu/archcoll/index.html>

Special thank you to *David Cronrath*, AIA, Chair of the Department of Architecture UNL and his students for inputting the information.

a/e ProNet's "Practice Notes"

Practice Notes authored by Kent Stair, Esq. and entitled "What's new or Different in the 1997 B141? This issue summarizes the material changes introduced in the documents and helps the design professional more clearly understand how these changes impact their rights, responsibilities, and services they are to perform in the coming decade. a/e ProNet has established a Web Site at <http://www.aepro.net>.

COMPETITIONS

'99 AIA Call for Entries

Institute Honor Awards for Architecture:

Entry Deadline: August 7, 1998
Submissions Due: September 4, 1998

Interior Architecture:

Entry Deadline: August 21, 1998
Submissions Due: September 18, 1998

Regional and Urban Design:

Entry Deadline: September 11, 1998
Submission Due: October 9, 1998

For information, call the AIA Honor Awards Dept. at 202/626-7586.

MCA '98 Merit Award Program

Metal Construction Association (MCA) Merit Award Program showcasing the industry's best in metal construction. Eligibility: for architects, engineers, specifiers, contractors, product manufacturers, and suppliers. Submittals must be postmarked by **July 15, 1998**, and involve building completed after Dec. 31, 1996. For information 312/201-0193.

U.S. Environmental Protection

Important changes have taken place in the Environmental Protection Agency's strategy for protecting the environment. Partners for the Environment is an array of over two dozen voluntary partnership programs. The results of the Partners effort are impressive. Thousands of organizations are working cooperatively with EPA to reach environmental goals such as conserving water and energy, and reducing toxic emissions and solid wastes. These programs provide business and government partners information and technical assistance that can help them improve the bottom line. Other programs include the Energy Star Small Business program, Design for the Environment, Water Alliances for Voluntary Efficiency and the State and Local Outreach Program. For information visit the Partners site at <http://es.EPA.gov/partners>.

AIA/CES Providers Award

The AIA National Continuing Education Systems is announcing the first AIA/CES Providers Award for Excellence. This new award is designed to recognize only the very best CES Providers who consistently offer quality programming to AIA members. Three categories of CES Provider will be recognized; components, firms, and external providers.

This award will measure:

- Leadership and Educational Commitment
- Architects Professional Development
- Educational Design and Management
- Performance Evaluation and Improvement
- CES Provider Specific
- Program Partnering
- Employee Performance
- Communicating to the membership

Winners are judged on merit regardless of membership, firm, or budget size. Judges are looking at the organization's commitment, management, delivery, and flexibility toward offering quality continuing education to architects. Forms can be obtained from AIA Online at <http://www.e-architect.com> or contact AIA at 202/626-7300. Deadline for entry is October 15, 1998. Winners will be notified by November 30, 1998 with recognition at AIA's national Grassroots 1999 Leadership Conference in February 1999.

FREE A.R.E. Software

NCARB has added the practice software for the ARE to its web site. Exam candidates can now download the software directly into their computers by signing on to the site at: <http://www.ncarb.org> and following the links to the examination information. The software includes tutorials to teach candidates how to use the various testing tools found in the three graphic divisions of the ARE. There are no practice programs for the six multiple-choice divisions. Following the tutorials are 15 representative vignettes, one for each of the 15 vignettes that make up the graphic divisions.



VALUE ADDED - INCENTIVE

Cyber Systems, Inc

Product	Product Pricing				Bentley Select
	List	Select	Non-Select	AIA Select	
MicroStation v5, 95	\$3995	\$3750	\$3196	\$3000	\$625
MicroStation MasterPiece	\$1495	\$1250	\$1196	\$1000	\$295
MicroStation PowerDraft	\$1995	\$1750	\$1596	\$1400	\$295
MicroStation ReproGraphics	\$2250	\$2100	\$1800	\$1680	\$290
MicroStation Review	\$495	\$450	\$396	\$360	\$95
MicroStation TeamMate	\$495	\$400	\$396	\$320	\$95
MicroStation/TriForma Bundle	\$5325	\$4995	\$4526.25	\$4245.75	\$895
MicroStation /TriForma GX Bundle	\$4995	\$4750	\$4245.75	\$4037.50	\$845
MicroStation /TriForma, (MicroStation PowerDraft Bundle)	\$3650	\$3350	\$3102.50	\$2847.50	\$565
MicroStation /TriForma GX, (MicroStation PowerDraft Bundle)	\$3250	\$3100	\$2762.50	\$2635	\$515
MicroStation /TriForma Upgrade from MS 95 & PowerDraft	\$1950	\$1750	\$1657.50	\$1487.50	\$270
MicroStation /TriForma Upgrade from MicroStation Pre-95 versions	\$2295	n/a	\$1950.75		\$270
PowerArchitect by IdeaGraphix	\$1325	\$1200	\$1126.25	\$1020	\$190
Opti SE by Opti Inter-Consult	\$2295	n/a	\$1950.75		n/a
Opti SE by Opti Inter-Consult (PowerDraft version)	\$1495	n/a	\$1270.75		n/a

Class MicroStation Classes Other Product Classes

Duration	Per Student Rate	Per Student Rate
5 Day	\$1095 (\$950*)	\$1195 (\$1095*)
4 Day	\$950 (\$850*)	\$1050 (\$900*)
3 Day	\$750 (\$650*)	\$850 (\$700*)
2 Day	\$550 (\$450*)	\$650 (\$500*)
1 Day	\$350 (\$250*)	\$450 (\$300*)

*Rate for three or more students from the same companies attending the same class.

Customer hosted on-site class (classes with facilities and equipment provided by client):

Class	MicroStation Classes	Other Product Classes
Duration	Per Student Rate	Per Student Rate
5 Day	\$5900	\$6785
4 Day	\$4820	\$5540
3 Day	\$3740	\$4300
2 Day	\$2660	\$3060
1 Day	\$1580	\$1820
Over 8 students	\$150 per student	\$200 per student

Cyber Systems, Inc is located in Omaha • 5130 North 106th Street, Omaha, NE 68134-2425 • 402/496-0555 • Fax: 402/496-0083 • WEB Site: www.cybersys.com

Avatech Solutions

Avatech of Nebraska offers the following pricing structure to all AIA Nebraska members. Members must inform their Avatech sales representative that they are AIA Nebraska members and provide their member number.

✓ 30% discount off retail price for new AutoCAD Release 1.4 licenses (\$2625 AIA Price).

✓ 12% discount off retail price for AutoCAD upgrades and other Autodesk products, including Softdesk and Kinetix 3D Studio Viz products. (Contact Avatech Sales Representative for Pricing.)

✓ \$50 discount towards any standard Avatech training class.

Avatech Solutions is in Omaha • 8319 North 30th Street • Omaha, NE 68112 • 402/451-6669 • Fax 402/451-8007 • www.avat.com.

'98 A/E/P Fee & Billing Survey

What are standard hourly billable rates for architects, engineers, and environmental consultants in different markets, regions, and types of firm? What are typical fees charged for services in different market sectors? How typical is it for firms get a retainer up front for a project? These are just some of the questions answered by Zweig White & Assocs '98 Fee & Billing Survey of A/E/P & Environmental Consulting Firms. The information contained in this publication was compiled from over 10,000 questionnaires mailed to A/E/P and environmental firm leaders across the country. This comprehensive report is now available for \$250. Survey participants are entitled to receive a copy for just \$75. For information, call Dana Weinstein at 508/651-1559, ext 227.

