MEMBER PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

The John H. "Jack" Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center
Berlin, Maryland

The comfort of the cancer patients, their families and loved ones, as well as those responsible for their care, was the motivation behind all of the design decisions for The John H. "Jack" Burbage Regional Cancer Care Center located in Berlin, Maryland.

Throughout the design process, the Design Team referenced research available by the Center for Health Design; many of these studies have proven to be invaluable and have had a great influence on the overall design. Using this information, the Design Team addressed some of the client’s concerns in the following ways:

- Patient choice and control (open infusion area or individual bay, individual lighting controls, and cubical curtains for privacy)
- Provide opportunities for social support (conference and lounge areas, ample space for guest chairs in infusion bays)
- Positive distractions (window views, healing garden, personal televisions, social interaction)
- Accessibility of toilet rooms (easily visible within close proximity of patients and visitors)
- Selection of finishes and interior design (soothing influences of nature and organic shapes)
- Artwork (artwork of surrounding community landscapes and nature appropriate for a healing environment)
- Acoustics (concerns of noise were addressed through appropriate ceiling and wall material specifications)
- Patient/Staff safety (furniture and finishes selected with ease of cleaning in mind was of high importance)
- Medication safety (Pharmacist located in close proximity to the infusion area for ease of accessibility to staff for medication questions/clarifications)
The positive response to the new facility by the patients and their families, as well as the staff and the Administration, has been overwhelming. By all accounts, the project is a wonderful addition to the community and a great success to the entire Design Team.

Design Architect
Mitchell Associates, Inc.
Owner
Atlantic General Hospital
Construction Manager
GG+A Construction
Construction Manager
Willow Construction
Strategies and Illustrations for Reducing Risk of COVID-19 in Schools

In an effort to support the health, safety and wellbeing of students, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has released 3D design models and strategies that can assist education officials with reopening schools during the pandemic.

For the 2020-21 school year, districts are facing the difficult task of determining if K-12 schools will reopen this fall. As part of the AIA’s initiative, “Reopening America: Strategies for Safer Buildings,” the AIA’s team—comprised of architects, public health experts, engineers, and facility managers—assessed hazards in K-12 schools and developed strategies to mitigate risk of COVID-19 transmission.

In addition to the 3D design models—produced by VMDO Architects—detailing strategies for classrooms and corridors, the team is releasing a report that provides additional considerations for entrances, gymnasiums, assembly spaces, cafeterias and other spaces. Other strategies are also available for restrooms and staff spaces such as offices. The report also elaborates on the many factors that need to be taken into consideration when reopening schools and provides basic building blocks that can be adjusted on a case-by-case basis when working with design teams to ensure the needs of individual education facilities are met when adapting buildings for COVID-19.

Findings in the report are meant to work in tandem with tools that can assist education officials with preparing schools for reopening, including a seven-step Risk Management Plan for Buildings for assessing hazards and applying strategies that reduce risk and the AIA’s Re-occupancy Assessment Tool, which provides a framework of strategies for making buildings safer.

AIA Launches Sixth Annual Film Challenge

The AIA Film Challenge invites architects, filmmakers, and storytellers to submit a 60- to 90-second mini documentary film produced using a personal device, such as a smartphone or laptop. The mini documentary format is intended to help participants stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and comply with various stay-at-home orders.

Films should tell the story of architects partnering with communities and civic leaders to design a healthy, sustainable, just world that improves peoples’ lives.

Approximately 10 to 15 submissions will advance as finalists for review by a four-person jury that selects the top awards. The top-rated film will receive a $5,000 grand prize. The jury will also select a runner up and third place winner based on how well films adhere to the prompt, the storytelling arc, architectural placement, and technical merit. The deadline for submissions is August 24.

The AIA Film Challenge 2020 jury includes Hip Hop Architecture Camp Founder Michael Ford, Assoc. AIA; commercial photographer and director Kezi Ban; BOKA Powell Associate Principal and Life of an Architect Creator Bob Borson, FAIA; and AIAS President Sarah Curry, Assoc. AIA.

A public voting period will begin August 31 and conclude October 4. The film with the most votes will be named the “People’s Choice” winner and will receive a $2,000 prize. Visit aiafilmchallenge.org to get more information.
AIA Climate Action Plan is now available

Humanity is faced with a challenge unlike any we have previously encountered: we must take urgent action to reverse the impacts of our greenhouse gas emissions, protect our planet, and preserve life as we know it.

Climate change affects every person, every project, and every client. The impacts are all-inclusive, with no respect for borders or boundaries—and are felt first and hardest by our most vulnerable populations. Rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and the degradation of natural resources are a direct result of increased carbon levels, threatening national security, global economies, and the health, safety, and welfare of local communities. Because more than 40% of U.S. greenhouse gases can be attributed to the building industry—during construction, embodied in concrete, metals, and polymers, and through everyday processes such as heating, cooling, and lighting—architects have the ability to lead the change our planet needs. We must take action.

As we launch into the new decade, AIA is prioritizing and supporting urgent climate action to exponentially accelerate the decarbonization of buildings, the building industry, and the built environment by:

- declaring an urgent climate imperative for carbon reduction;
- transforming the day-to-day practice of architects to achieve a zero carbon, equitable, resilient, and healthy built environment; and
- leveraging support of all potential partners, including peers, clients, policymakers, and the public

Continue reading by downloading the plan >

AIA YAF Connection 18.02 - Citizen Architect

Citizen Architect

Building on design and professional leadership experience, emerging professionals are making meaningful contributions in their communities. Learn how they are increasing the visibility of the profession and demonstrating the value of architects in unique ways

Read Y2-YAF Connection

The Young Architects Forum (YAF), a program of the American Institute of Architects and the College of Fellows, is organized to address issues of particular importance to newly licensed architects.

Check out the YAF - join today!

AIA Trust

New Policy Expands Definition of Insured

For more than 60 years, the Victor and CNA professional liability program has maintained a solid and stable base policy while introducing innovative expansions of coverage. Just as the design and construction industry has evolved, so has their policy.

The CNA policy has now expanded the definition of the term insured in a significant way to address the needs of the changing A&E marketplace.

Read on >

ARE Update: ARE Handbook and Guidelines Updates

ARE 5.0 Handbook Updates

We posted an updated version of the ARE 5.0 Handbook. Typically, we alert candidates about updates ahead of time with a list of what’s been changed, so you’ll know what to expect. Unfortunately, we failed to do
Our goal with the most recent updates is to clarify existing ARE 5.0 objectives related to two topic areas: sustainability and resilience, and assigned cognitive levels.

**ARE 5.0 Guidelines Updates**
In addition, NCARB also made minor changes to the ARE 5.0 Guidelines to reflect changes in Prometric’s updated check-in procedures. To account for the likelihood that check-out and check-in procedures on breaks may take longer, NCARB has extended the length of the flexible break available during each administration to 25 minutes. Candidates are not required to use all the time available, and the break extension does not impact the amount of time a candidate has to test during the administration.

**FEMA Announces Operational Guidance for the 2020 Hurricane Season**
To address the challenges of managing disaster response and recovery efforts during this year’s hurricane season, FEMA is releasing the “COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for the 2020 Hurricane Season” to help emergency managers and public health officials best prepare for disasters, while continuing to respond to and recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). The guidance can also be used by private sector and non-governmental organizations to gain an understanding of the government’s posture, planning and readiness efforts.

The guide provides actions emergency managers and public officials can take to prepare for response and recovery operations during ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response efforts. Specifically, the guidance:

- Describes anticipated challenges to disaster operations posed by COVID-19;
- Highlights planning considerations for emergency managers based on current challenges;
- Outlines how FEMA plans to adapt response and recovery operations;

**Delaware**

**Call for Nominations for 2020-2022 Regional Representative to AIA Strategic Council**
The Mid Atlantic Regional Council (MARC) invites candidates for the position of 2020-2022 Regional Representative on the AIA Strategic Council. This year, Tom Liebel, FAIA, will be graduating off of the Strategic Council, so we are interested in hearing from members who might wish to run for election for the next term.

Any member in good standing from the Region (the Delaware, District of Columbia, or Maryland AIA Components) who wishes to serve as a Regional Representative on the American Institute of Architects Strategic Council for the Mid Atlantic Regional Council should submit their intentions by Friday August 21st, 2:00 pm ET.

Please review the Regional Representative Job Description and contact AIA Delaware President, Scott Edmonston, AIA or Executive Director, Nancy Payne, with your questions or to express interest.

**Delaware DOL Issues Guidelines for Employers and Employees Regarding Returning to Work**
Phase 2 of Governor John Carney’s Economic Reopening plan began on June 15, 2020. During this rolling reopening of the state’s economy, the restrictions put in place by Governor Carney in March 2020 to reduce the spread of COVID-19, will
The Delaware Department of Labor has released guidelines along with a frequently asked questions document addressing the concerns for both employees and employers regarding returning to work during COVID-19.

**For Employees**, the issued guidance and FAQ document addresses concerns regarding the following:

- Disqualification for unemployment benefits if I refuse to return to work after receiving notice from my employer.
- What if I cannot return to work due to a medical condition or age?
- What if I am being called back to work with reduced hours and or pay?
- What actions should I take if I have concerns about my safety from COVID-19 at the workplace?

**For Employers**, the DOL’s has also issued guidance that addresses concerns Delaware employers have regarding the following:

- How do I respond to an employee’s refusal to work?
- What must I do to adhere to workplace safety guidelines as directed by DPH and the CDC?
- What are Employer reopening best practices?

The complete list of issued guidelines and return to work FAQ’s during COVID-19 for both employees and employers can be downloaded [here](#).

During Phase 2 of the state’s reopening employers are encouraged to continue to have employees Telework where applicable. Employers who call employees back to work must enforce strict social distancing protocols and follow the responsibilities for all businesses, set forth in the Governor’s State of Emergency Order. Download [Delaware's Reopening guidance](#).

For more information or questions regarding reopening best practices or potential employee hazards the Delaware Department of Labor can help you. Please visit the [website](#).

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## Events and Programs

### Live Course:
**Strategies for Safer Buildings: Re-Occupancy in the Face of COVID19**

This exclusive live course explores emerging research and recommendations on COVID-19 transmission risks within the built environment. It will also introduce AIA’s newest COVID-19 design tools, including the Risk Management Plan for Buildings, Re-occupancy Assessment Tool, and interactive ArchMap. Together, these tools provide building owners and design teams the process and information they need to create safer buildings.

You will hear from architects, facility managers, and public health experts how to leverage these tools to re-open the nation’s buildings while minimizing occupant health risks. They will detail the step by step process of applying these tools and share lessons learned from their own experience. At the end of the course, you will know how to reduce COVID-19 transmission within buildings and how to apply a risk management process for all hazard types.

This course offers critical insight from seasoned professionals on how risk management can not only enhance occupant health and safety during a pandemic, but also position firms for new market opportunities and enhance client services for a wide range of hazards.

**Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 1:30 PM EDT

**Earn:** 1.5 LU | Member Price $0 / Non-Member Price: $10

[Sign in / Register](#)

### Economic Impact of COVID-19: July 2020 Update

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to great uncertainty at architecture firms. In this series, AIA Chief Economist Kermit Baker walks you through the latest developments and economic data and discusses the impact it is having on the architecture profession.
having on firms, and how they are responding so far.

Learning Objective
- Enhance your understanding of current rapidly-changing economic conditions and what they mean for your practice.

Instructor
- Kermit Baker, Ph.D., Hon. AIA is the Chief Economist for the American Institute of Architects in Washington, D.C. In this capacity he analyzes business and construction trends for the U.S. economy, and examines their impact on AIA members and the architectural profession.

Date: Watch the recording of the July 23 course at your convenience.

Earn: 0.5 LU | Member Price $0 / Non-Member Price: $10

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Free Business & Tech Courses for AIA Members

To help you navigate these uncertain times, we're making some of AIAU's best business and tech courses available to AIA members for free. Learn valuable skills about virtual practice, successful business strategies, risk management, and more from some of the most innovative architects, firms, and design professionals.

Nearly 30 courses are free! See what's new.

Green Building United
2020 New Gravity Housing Conference

New Gravity Housing Conference: Climate Change and the Imperative of High Performance Affordable Housing

Join attendees from across the world to learn about high-performance, affordable housing policy and practice. This fourth annual conference is taking place virtually and in partnership with Illinois Green Alliance.

The schedule, along with sessions, will be announced in early July. In the meantime, we invite you to register at the early bird rate! At only $50 for members ($100 for non-members), one ticket gets you access to sessions, the virtual exhibitor hall, keynotes, and more!

Wednesday, August 5th - Friday, August 7th from 12:00 - 5:00 pm(EST) each day with opportunities for evening activities. Register today.

Summer School with Electronic Home Solutions - CE Program

AIA Delaware Allied Member Electronic Home Solutions will be offering a summer series of the virtual continuing education program, Lighting Control Illuminated (Course number COI058).

All participants will receive 1 LU/HSW credit for continuing education and will walk away with a basic understanding of lighting control terminology and the benefits and solutions of lighting control technology. Programs are offered virtually or in person at your office or ours! Using our office setting will allow for an interactive lighting control technology demonstration. View program summary.

Home automation is all about making your client’s home work for them and lighting control has become the standard for all new builds and retrofittings. Founded in 2002, Electronic Home Solutions specializes in home automation that both enhances and simplifies the way we live. Our team of experts will work with you every step of the build, offering whole home solutions for lighting control, home audio, and smart
security systems that integrate technology without compromising or complicating design.

Call today to set up a program session for your firm. To set a date for your AIA Continuing Education program or to learn more about Electronic Home Solutions, please contact Manny Alvarez at (302) 234-2391 or malvarez@ehs-inc.biz.

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Structural Technology for Practicing and Intern Architects
Sponsored by Virginia Tech’s College of Architecture & Urban Studies

About This Course
This course provides an overview of the fundamentals of the structural technology topics that every architect should be aware of. It also helps intern architects prepare for the structural portions of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE 5.0) offered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

- **Part One (General Structures)** reviews the necessary knowledge on structural theory and behavior of different building components in steel, concrete, and wood.
- **Part Two (Lateral Forces)** emphasizes the effects of lateral forces on buildings and structural framing layout.

Date / Location
PART ONE: August 29 and 30, 2020 / Cost: $350 (before August 14: $300)
PART TWO: September 5, 2020 / Cost: $190 (before August 14: $165)
PARTS ONE + TWO: $500 (before August 14: $450)

For more information and to register.

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Scholarships and Challenges

Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship

The Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship recognizes the significant contributions of emerging professionals at early stages in their careers and helps defray the costs associated with the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Developed by the AIA National Associates Committee, the scholarship honors the memory of late friend and colleague, Jason Pettigrew.

Scholarship recipients will receive funds to cover the cost of the ARE, as well as study materials and access to ArchiPrep.

Deadline is August 14, 2020.

Learn more...

AIA Upjohn Research Grant - Architectural Research

The 2020 AIA Upjohn Research Initiative supports applied research projects related to the priorities outlined in AIA’s Climate Action Plan, including a drive toward sustainable design that helps mitigate or adapt to climate change.

This AIA program funds up to six research grants of $15,000-$30,000 annually for projects completed in a 6-to 18-month period. The funds must be fully matched with hard dollars, with a maximum of 10% allocated for overhead. Grant recipients’ research findings and outcomes are published online by AIA. (Flyer)

Submission deadline: September 1, 2020. Learn more...

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Employment

Local Career Opportunities
For Members

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An AIA membership connects you to 95,000 professionals who share your passion for architecture.

AIA is a vibrant community of architecture and industry professionals that are transforming the profession. Members enjoy access to industry-best benefits, products and services that support practice and professional development.

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- Christopher S. Tretina, Associate

MEMBER BENEFITS

From software and office supplies to career services and package delivery, AIA members are eligible for an array of discounts and benefits to help their work flourish.

Explore...

Working Together for Change

Explore Racial Equity Resources

Harnessing the passion of our members and the broader design community, AIA is taking steps to advance racial justice and equality in our organization, in our profession, and in our communities.

As we work to break down barriers, we recognize we don’t have all the answers. To succeed, our action must be guided by greater understanding. These resources represent just a few tools to help bridge the gap – the gap between complacency and knowledge, between knowledge and action, and between action and progress. Through listening sessions with internal and external stakeholders and partner groups, we’re further exploring concrete ways to effect change.
The Guides for Equitable Practice are a vital part of AIA's long-term commitment to lead efforts that ensure the profession of architecture is as diverse as the nation we serve. Take advantage of the Guides to help ensure your organization meets the career development, professional environment, and cultural awareness expectations of current and future employees and clients.

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**Benchmark Your Firm and Get Critical Industry Insights**

Deltek|Clarity Architecture & Engineering Industry Study

Discover the latest trends and market conditions transforming the architecture & engineering industry with the 2020 Clarity Report from AIA strategic partner, Deltek.

The 41st Annual Deltek Clarity Architecture & Engineering Study delivers trending topics, analysis, and benchmarks directly impacting today's industry landscape. Discover best practices leading firms are implementing and gain insight on key areas such as technology trends, project management practices, utilization rates, and more.

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- Key Statistics To Benchmark Your Firm Against
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**News from Our Members**

**Becker Morgan Group Honors Summer Intern Commitments**

During a time when many college students received disheartening news regarding their anticipated summer internships, Becker Morgan Group remained steadfast in their commitments and welcomed three interns for the 2020 summer. Principal Brad Hastings, AIA, LEED AP, commented on the importance of bringing on these students, "Internships are a part of the fabric of Becker Morgan Group, a third of our current leadership began as interns for the firm. We view these positions not only as learning and development opportunities for each student, but also our staff, and we are proud to be able to continue to offer these impactful experiences."

**Heather Chidel**, is a rising junior engineering student at the University of Delaware joins the firm’s Newark, Delaware office as a civil intern. She is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Alpha Omega Epsilon sorority. As a sorority member, she enjoys supporting initiatives focused on exposing young girls to technical professions. In her free time, she loves watching sports and enjoying the beach!

**Ryan Shaffer** joins the firm's engineering department in Dover, DE for the summer. He is a rising senior at the University of Delaware, where he is studying Civil Engineering. He is an active member of the Sigma Phi Delta engineering fraternity, where he supports philanthropic initiatives while gaining valuable exposure into the civil engineering industry. Ryan enjoys wakeboarding, scuba diving, and snowboarding outside of the classroom.

**Zach Levy** is an architectural intern in the firm’s Salisbury, MD office. He anticipates graduation in the spring of 2021 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree and a minor in Real Estate. Zach served as the
Vice President of Tulane's Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, where he learned essential leadership skills. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf.

Becker Morgan Group Receives Award for Residential Renovation

The Builders and Remodelers Association of Delaware (BRAD), formerly the Home Builders Association of Delaware, awarded their 2020 Regal Awards, recognizing excellence in Delaware Home Building. Becker Morgan Group was honored to receive the Best Residential Addition/Alteration over $50,000 for their Rehoboth Beach, Delaware home.

The transformative interior and exterior makeover encompassed the entire house, creating a dramatic coastal contemporary facade and a destination designed for gathering. To accomplish the homeowner’s vision of a spacious entertaining space, the design team needed to think outside the box, literally. Nearly the entire roof was removed to raise ceiling heights and create a rooftop entertainment space with views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Before
The new living space maximizes flow and function while unifying the indoor and outdoor spaces with a fully retractable window wall, inviting guests to take in views of the Atlantic Ocean. The design team worked diligently to ensure they created both horizontal and vertical openness in the new space. In addition to an expanded living space, a renovated kitchen, new main entrance, outdoor deck, and elevator were all a part of this project.

A home designed by Becker Morgan Group in North Bethany Beach, Delaware also received the BRAD Best Luxury Custom Home over $400,000.

Becker Morgan Group provides comprehensive Architecture & Engineering services with offices in Delaware, Maryland, and North Carolina. For more information, visit www.beckermorgan.com.

Shannon Pringle Appointed Vice President of Sponsorship of IIDA PA NJ DE Chapter Executive Board

Bernardon Interior Designer Shannon Pringle has been appointed to the Executive Board of The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware Chapter. Effective June 1, 2020, Shannon has begun serving her two-year term as Vice President of Sponsorship.

In this role, Shannon will be responsible for acquiring and maintaining sponsors for the IIDA PA/NJ/DE Chapters as well as organizing fundraising events and coordinating conferences and retreats for Board Members.

“Shannon’s passion for interior design and collaborative approach makes her the perfect fit for Vice President of Sponsorship. We are thrilled for Shannon to embark on this new venture and have her represent Bernardon within the IIDA organization” says Neil Liebman, AIA, LEED AP, a Principal with the firm.

Since joining Bernardon in 2017, Shannon has been an integral member of the firm’s Interiors Team contributing her skills and creativity to such projects as the renovation and expansion of the Riddle Village Dining Venue in Media, PA; The Atrium and Multipurpose Audion at the Tower at STAR Campus in Newark, DE; and renovations at Riverwalk, a multifamily community in Conshohocken, PA.

The people of Bernardon are impassioned listeners, lifelong innovators, and imaginative design leaders who provide architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture services. Since 1973, Bernardon has delivered thoughtful designs to a wide range of regional and national clients including private, corporate, and institutional. The 80-person firm operates offices in Philadelphia and West Chester, Pennsylvania, and Wilmington, Delaware. For more information call (215) 609-4609 or visit
New Transteck Facility Underway in Easton

Transteck, Inc., a growing truck dealership that specializes in the sales and servicing of freight-related trucks, has begun construction on their new state-of-the-art Truck Center to replace their current service facility.

Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. (DBF), serving as architect and structural engineer for the project, along with RMF Engineering as mechanical and electrical engineers, was engaged by Willow Construction out of Easton as part of the design/build team to fulfill Transteck’s objectives. The team worked hand-in-hand to develop a prototypical facility that would also be recreated as the company looks to expand regionally.

“Working alongside Transteck and Willow Construction on the project has been a valued team-effort to provide a unique and cost-effective building recognizable from Route 50 and highly functional as a service center,” explains Michael Wigley, AIA who served as principal architect for the project. “Chris Cullen, AIA, as project manager, and working closely with all parties, has been instrumental in its success to date.”

The 26,750 SF industrial style building, conveniently located off Route 50 in Easton, consists of ten truck service bays, including one wash bay, along with a parts warehouse, sales area, service counter, customer lounge, offices, and support rooms. The pre-engineered facility, with alternating siding colors, will incorporate Transteck’s company colors in their efforts to enhance and reinforce their unique brand identity as they continue to grow. The project is set to be completed in Spring 2021.

Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., is a full-service architectural, engineering, planning and surveying firm with offices in Salisbury and Easton, Maryland, and in Milford, Delaware. For additional information about DBF, visit www.dbfinc.com.

Annual Partner Content

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- Site Design/Land Planning
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- Subdivision/Zoning Code Review
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With over 50 locations nationwide, Whiting-Turner has a strong presence throughout the country. More importantly, we recognize the benefits of strong, local relationships. Learn more by contacting our Newark, Delaware office at (302) 292-0676 or by visiting us online.

Allied Member News

Karins and Associates Named to the Zweig Group's 2020 Hot Firm List

Karins and Associates, a prominent engineering and surveying firm headquartered in Newark, DE, announced it has made the Zweig Group’s 2020 HOT FIRM LIST for the third year.

The Hot Firm’s List is a prestigious list honoring the 100 fastest-growing firms in the architecture, engineering, and environmental consulting (AEC) industry. Karins joins this exclusive list of firms that have outperformed the economy and competitors to become leaders in their chosen fields. Firms are ranked on three-year growth in revenue, by both percentage and dollar growth, and are located throughout the United States and Canada.

"I am delighted and proud of our Karins’ team who are dedicated to our clients’ and their needs." said Dev Sitaram, President. "We are thrilled to have made the list, especially this year!" said Sitaram. "With the Covid-19 pandemic creating so many changes, this award highlights Karins’ business growth and our commitment to providing superior customer service and advanced technology solutions to our clients."

With a staff of professional engineers, professional land surveyors, survey crews, designers and support services, Karins offers services including civil/site engineering and land development, surveying and high-density laser scanning, stormwater management/water resources, utility planning and engineering, transportation, and construction permitting.

As a leading engineering and surveying firm operating in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, Karins works with an exclusive assortment of private firms, municipalities, and governmental agencies. The firm employs more than 50 people and is headquartered in Newark, DE, with offices in Georgetown, DE; Bryn Mawr and Exton, PA; and Forest Hill, MD.

For more information, call 302-369-2900 or visit our us at www.karinsengineering.com.
Landmark Science & Engineering’s President Ted C. Williams, PE, FACEC has been named a Trustee of ACEC BIT, a Business Insurance Trust Program. As one of 10 Trustees - all engineers and business owners, Mr. Williams will work with the program administrator to oversee the performance and delivery of key benefits to member firms.

ACEC BIT: Engineered for Peace of Mind
The ACEC Trust Programs were designed to enhance engineering companies’ membership investment by helping control the firm’s costs. Programs are available for business insurance (BIT), life/health insurance, and retirement plans. ACEC Trusts created partnerships with reputable administrators and plan providers that offer valuable services with quality and competitive prices to ACEC member firms. Greyling Insurance Brokerage & Risk Consulting, a division of EPIC, was designed for design professionals and represents approximately 1,000 engineering firms throughout the United States.

Professionally Committed
Ted Williams says he is “excited to be part of a Trust that not only provides a multitude of insurance products that protect the engineering business and their collective employees, but also provides tools that help educate our employees on all aspects from risk management to workplace safety.” Ted has served as Executive Committee Chair at ACEC national, where he was elected to the College of Fellows, inducted to the Order of the Engineer, and qualifies as an Executive Engineer. Having worked up through the ranks of ACEC Delaware, he currently serves as the New Castle County partnering chair. In February, Ted was honored to be selected “Engineer of the Year” by the NSPE Delaware Engineering Society in recognition for all of his professional contributions.

Landmark Science & Engineering is an award-winning consulting firm and one of the region’s largest and most diverse civil engineering and environmental science firms. The firm of 30 serves public and private clients in DE, MD, and PA. www.landmark-se.com
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