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## **Architects Invite Public to Create Fort Washington Way Decking Plan**

CINCINNATI, OH – AIA Cincinnati (a chapter of the American Institute of Architects) is hosting a public vision workshop on August 4, 2007 entitled “Greening the Gap – A Community Vision for the Fort Washington Way Decks”. This event is part of a nationwide celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the American Institute of Architects.

AIA architects across the nation are marking the anniversary with a series of projects which engage the public on important civic design issues. In Cincinnati, the connection to the riverfront was selected due to its regional significance.

“The deck covers for Fort Washington Way are an ideal subject for our AIA150 celebration,” said Paul Muller, AIA, Chair of the Cincinnati AIA150. “They will play a vital role in connecting the downtown to the new riverfront developments and will benefit from the public’s involvement on August 4th”.

“We hope to create a common vision for this major addition to the central core which is almost three times the size of Fountain Square,” said Muller.

The day will include sessions on the opportunities for “green design” at an urban scale, public input on elements to include and work on designs in small groups. The final product will hopefully represent a community vision to serve as a guide and aid to the creation of the decks.

The facilitator for the day will be John Boecker, FAIA, of 7 Group. Mr. Boecker is a noted architect and designer of many certified LEED™ projects and has facilitated dozens of sustainability workshops across the country. The workshop is being organized by AIA Cincinnati’s Committee on the Environment and their Emerging Professionals Committee. “This will be an opportunity for the public to both learn about the potential of ‘green design’ at the urban scale and to contribute to the vision for this large, new section of downtown,” said Andy Corn, AIA, Chair of COTE.

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The day long planning workshop is open to the public thru registration at the AIA Cincinnati web site at: <http://www.aiacincinnati.org/> or by calling 241-4661. Participation is limited to 150 people.

Location: Paul Brown Stadium, West Club Lounge, Cincinnati, OH

Date: Saturday, August 4, 2007

Time: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

7:00 – 8:00 am Sign-in and breakfast

Lunch Provided

**This Event Is Free of Charge**

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Earlier this year the deck cover design was the subject of “Architecture By Children”, a highly successful program in which architects volunteer in area schools. Over 2000 students participated in designing environmentally sustainable projects for the decks. Winning projects will be on display at the workshop. Winning entries can be viewed at:

<http://www.aiacincinnati.org/Committees/ArchByChildren/2007thinkgreen/index.htm>

Architecture By Children is an annual project sponsored by AIA Cincinnati in collaboration with the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati.

A previous AIA150 project surveyed the public nationally to determine “America’s 150 Favorite Buildings”. Two Cincinnati buildings made the list: Union Terminal and Paul Brown Stadium, the site for the “Greening the Gap” workshop. The complete list can be viewed at:

<http://www.favoritearchitecture.org/>.

### **About AIA150**

Celebrating 150 years, the AIA is the premier professional organization for America's architects. The AIA150 program, “Celebrating the Past, Designing the Future.” honors architects for their dedication and commitment to excellence in design and livability in our nation’s buildings and communities. The cornerstone program of AIA150, the Blueprint for America, serves as a nationwide platform to unite architects and citizens to collaborate on their communities’ design priorities.

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