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American Institute of Architects Miami Chapter Announces 16th Annual Photography Competition

MIAMI –The Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Miami) is now accepting entries for its 16th Annual International Architecture Photography Competition, which offers \$1,000 in prize money for winning entries of color and black and white photography.

The photography competition celebrates the diversity of design and architecture worldwide, and gives photographers the opportunity to capture images and submit them for judging and cash prizes. Subject matter of all photographs entered must have an architectural theme or contain some element of the built environment. Location of images is unrestricted.

The top 20 photos will be displayed at the 2009 AIA Miami International Architecture Photography Exhibition during Celebrate Architecture + Design in November and during the AIA national convention in Miami in June 2010.

The best overall entry will win a \$500 cash prize. The winning photograph in both color and black and white categories will be awarded \$250 each.

“AIA Miami’s very popular and competitive international photography contest focuses on bringing architecture and design additional recognition,” said AIA Miami President Natividad Soto of Ferguson Glasgow Schuster and Soto. “We receive hundreds of entries not only from professionals in the industry, but from the general public, whose lives are every day affected and enriched by the architecture that surrounds them. Through this competition we are able to celebrate architecture and bring it to the forefront.”

All entries must be submitted before Friday, October 23, at 5 p.m. Mail photographs with the entry form attached to 2008 AIA Miami International Photography Competition, 275 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33134. Download entry forms from the AIA Miami website at aiamiami.com.

The non-refundable entry fee is \$40 (\$15 for students) for up to five prints per entry. The fee and completed entry form must accompany the prints entered. The number of entries per participant is unlimited. Only mounted prints ready for display may be entered. Images must be mounted on 11-by-14-inch presentation quality white mat boards. Entries must have been taken and be owned by the participant.

The competition is open to the general public and amateurs only. Professional photographers are not eligible. Images submitted but ineligible individuals will not be processed and will not be returned. All winning entries become the property of AIA Miami.

For additional information, call AIA Miami at (305) 448-7488 or visit the competition page on their website, www.aiamiami.com. Information is also available at bienalmiami.com.

AIA Miami, which has 600 members, will host about 20,000 members of AIA during the international convention here in 2010, offers professional development and support for member architecture professionals in South Florida.

The AIA national organization, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2007, represents more than 80,000 architects in the United States. From a small group of professionals sharing a meal at Delmonico’s in New York City in 1857 and the chartering of the first AIA chapter in 1867, the American Institute of Architects has grown from 37 members in the original New York chapter to more than 80,000 members in 300 chapters nationwide.

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