

# AIA Miami Design Technology Expo Feb. 20 and 21 Offers Courses, New Products to Architects, Designers

**EVENT:** American Institute of Architects Miami Chapter's Annual Design Technology Exposition (AIA Miami DTE 2009)  
**DATE:** Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21  
**TIME:** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday  
**PLACE:** JW Marriott Hotel, 1109 Brickell Avenue, Miami  
**FEES:** Call AIA Miami at 305-448-7488 or go to [www.aiamiami.com](http://www.aiamiami.com) for full fee schedule, with discounts to members of AIA and architecture students  
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**DETAILS:** The annual AIA Miami DTE offers architects and design professionals the opportunity to earn in just two days all Continuing Education Units (CEUs) required for licensing.

The American Institute of Architects Miami Chapter's popular Design Technology Exposition February 20 and 21 offers nearly two dozen seminars focusing on topics important to the architecture community and a trade show that features a first look at some of the newest products in the industry.

More than 300 architects, designers and construction professionals are expected to attend AIA Miami DTE 2009 at the JW Marriott Hotel at 1109 Brickell Avenue in Miami. DTE 2009 features 22 seminars that enable qualified attendees to earn Continuing Education Units required for licensing. The nearly 150 exhibitors at the DTE 2009 exposition, held on the first day, will demonstrate to attendees the latest products and services in the industry.

The 22 seminars range from negotiating a better contract, design advantage and accessibility, to the significant differences between the 2004 and 2007 Florida building codes, solar and wind power, and common roof mistakes and how to avoid them.

DTE also offers important continuing education on such current topics as photovoltaic solar electrical systems, building information modeling (BIM), green building and sustainable design, new zoning and building codes, and the latest technology in the profession, as well as providing seminars focusing on practical legal and insurance advice for design professionals. The seminars also include several topics that help architects and designers run a better business. This year, in addition to other timely seminars, AIA Miami is also hosting a roundtable discussion on managing risk in a down economy.

Leonard Townsend, AIA, an attorney at Hughes Hubbard and Reed LLP and chairperson of DTE 2010, said, "DTE is a one-stop shop for all design professionals who must take continuing education courses to renew their licenses. DTE is one of the major membership benefits AIA Miami offers, providing significant registration fee discounts to AIA members. DTE also offers members – including our young architects and students, who get a special rate – and others the opportunity to earn all required licensing CEUs at one time. We strive each year to offer seminars on topics that are top-of-mind to architects."

DTE is also one of the major fundraising projects of AIA Miami each year, with proceeds from the seminars and exposition exhibits going to AIA projects and activities. For more information on program and fees, and to register, contact Mike Brazlavsky at AIA Miami at 305- 448-7488 or go online to [www.aiamiami.com](http://www.aiamiami.com).

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