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Fact Sheet 2007 Blueprint for America

WHAT: Blueprint for America is the cornerstone of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) 150th Anniversary Celebration. Comprised of 156 community service projects funded by the AIA, Blueprint for America brings architects and the public together to address community needs related to design and livability.

WHEN: Blueprint for America projects will be completed throughout 2007, many by National Architecture Week, April 9-14, 2007. Once completed, case studies from individual Blueprint projects will be compiled and shared with those interested in implementing similar programs in their communities. The completed piece, titled "Blueprint for America Mosaic: A Gift to the Nation," will be presented during National Architecture Week, April 2008.

WHERE: Below are a handful of the Blueprint projects that will be completed throughout 2007. To identify a Blueprint project in your area, visit www.aia150.org.

- Bus Stop Extreme Makeover (Oklahoma City/Wichita)
- Statewide Disaster Preparedness Program (Tennessee)
- Summer Design Camps (Houston/Wyoming)
- Brooklyn Expressway Corridor (New York City)
- 3-D Planning Models (Colorado Springs/Indianapolis)
- Affordable Housing Modules (New York state/Southeast Wisconsin)
- Capitol Mall Improvement (Arizona)
- Downtown Revitalization (San Diego)

WHY: Blueprint for America projects demonstrate how the public can work with architects to create beautiful, safe, livable communities. By sharing their knowledge and experience, architects offer communities the opportunity to celebrate their heritage while addressing emerging challenges and trends.

For more information about Blueprint for America and/or a project in your area, contact Alissa Lew, AIA150 Media Relations Consultant, at alissa.lew@mslpr.com or 312-861-5225; Phil Simon, AIA Managing Director, Marketing & Promotion, at psimon@aia.org or 202.626.7463.