

New York State Leaders Make Strong Showing at AIA Summit



AIA New York State and Chapter leaders and staff joined 600 architects and design professionals from across the country in Washington D.C. this week for the AIA Leadership Summit and Legislative Day. This national event, which included representatives from NOMA and NCARB, fostered collaboration and knowledge-sharing among chapter leaders. The New York State delegation used the opportunity to strategize for chapter growth and relevance.



The New York State dinner again proved to be a time to sit, catch our breath and take time to discuss what we were hearing to ensure Chapter growth and relevance to the practice and the members. No matter what the size of their Chapter these leaders truly share their common goal.

Once again, the New York State dinner served as a crucial moment for leaders to connect, share insights, and collectively focus on driving chapter growth and ensuring relevance for all members, demonstrating a unified purpose across chapters of all sizes."

Following the summit, these dedicated leaders met with members of Congress to advocate for key issues impacting the architecture profession.



Federal Tax Policy | AIA supports tax policies such as the R/D tax credit, R/D expensing, 199A pass through deduction, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, 179D energy efficient buildings credit, and the Historic Tax Credit.

Design Freedom for Federal Architecture | AIA supports the GSA's Guiding Principles, and we support freedom in design. AIA's members believe the design of federal buildings must first be responsive to the people and communities who will use those buildings.

Tax Incentives for Architects | AIA supports business friendly tax policies that encourage investment in research and development, incentivize private-sector affordable housing, and ensure tax parity between large and small businesses.

Arbitrary Fee Limitations for Federal Contracts | Explanation - Limiting fees in a broad inconsistent manner hurts competition. The current system impairs fairness, competition, innovation, and growth as well as reduces efficiency and effectiveness for taxpayers.

Congress should direct the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council to amend the FAR to align with clear statutory language and pass legislation to eliminate arbitrary fee limitations and mandate Qualified Based Selection (QBS) fair fee negotiations for all architectural and engineering (A/E) design contracts across the federal government.

Architects Support Community Resiliency | Investing in resilience protects lives, safeguards the economy, and mitigates the impacts of natural disasters. Architects are essential to these efforts, bringing expertise in design and innovation to the forefront of disaster preparedness. By fully funding FEMA programs, reintroducing the Resilient AMERICA Act, and enacting the Shelter Act, Congress can ensure that communities are better equipped to face future challenges.

Architects Support More Housing | Fund or expand programs that expand programs that enable more affordable and workforce housing to be built.

Chapter participation included leaders from AIA Brooklyn, AIA Buffalo, AIA Central, AIA Eastern New York, AIA Long Island, AIA New York Chapter, AIA Queens, AIA Rochester, AIA Staten Island, AIA Westchester Hudson Valley and leadership from AIA New York State—Andrew Harding, AIA, President; Jeffrey Pawlowski, AIA, President Elect; Paul McDonnell, AIA, Vice President, Government Advocacy.