



AIA and NOMA extend Memorandum of Understanding

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Washington, DC The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) have extended their Memorandum of Understanding for a term of three years beginning January 1st. AIA and NOMA are both committed to growing their current partnership in a way that benefits members of both organizations, helps encourage collaboration at the local level, and contributes to a diverse profession that mirrors the society they serve.

2018 NOMA president Bryan Hudson, AIA, and AIA EVP/CEO Robert Ivy, FAIA, signed the MOU, which reflects a commitment by AIA and NOMA to continue and enhance their combined effort toward building a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive architecture profession.

"I am inspired by the work NOMA does and look forward to furthering our relationship," said Robert Ivy, FAIA. "The future of the profession depends on organizations like NOMA and AIA coming together to advance our shared goals."

"I find the timing of signing this document holds historical significance for NOMA. As we reflect on Whitney M. Young's famous speech at AIA 50 years ago, it is our hope and intent that he would be proud of the steps our two organizations are taking to advance diversity and inclusion in the field of architecture," said Hudson. "Collectively, we are encouraged by the progress that has been made thus far and we are determined to advance the work of NOMA and the AIA to have a positive impact on this profession for the next 50 years and beyond."

NOMA and the AIA will explore opportunities for NOMA Leadership to participate in national and regional leadership programs. The AIA is also excited to continue its participation in the annual NOMA Student Design Competition.

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