

### **AIA Milwaukee COTE Mission** (*Adapted from the AIA COTE National*)

The Committee on the Environment (COTE) works to advance, disseminate, and advocate—to the profession, the building industry, the academy, and the public—design practices that integrate built and natural systems and enhance both the design quality and environmental performance of the built environment.

#### Goals

- Support professional architects in the City of Milwaukee and the SE Region of Wisconsin who are working to provide healthy and safe environments for people.
- Promote the role of the architect as an essential member within a team leading in preserving and protecting the planet & its living systems.
- Create a forum for practitioners to increase their technical knowledge about how to address environmental issues by creating built environments of exceptional design quality.
- Provide local leaders with knowledge about environmental issues, and advocate greater support for preserving the earth's capability of sustaining a shared high quality of life through the thoughtful consideration of the built environment.
- Support cooperation with educators and institutions of learning, government agencies, manufacturers, environmental organizations, and industry groups in advancing environmentally sound design processes and standards, environmentally innovative materials and integrated systems.

#### **2008-2009 INITIATIVES**

1. SOLAR DECATHLON – Fall 2009 (AIA WI Sustainability Task Force 2008/09 Initiative)
2. KNOWLEDGE FORUM
  - a. Policy & Programs
    - i. 2005 AIA Policy Statement/CEU Requirement: [attachment](#)
    - ii. 2030 Challenge [architecture2030.org]: [www.aia.org/toolkit2030/](http://www.aia.org/toolkit2030/)
    - iii. LEED Green Building Rating System: [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)
    - iv. Green Building Task Force Policy Recommendations: [attachment](#)
  - b. Green Building Project Knowledge
    - i. Name & Location & Firm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party recognition: LEED, SE<sup>2</sup>, MN B3, etc.
    - ii. Metrics, Materials/Products
  - c. Local Consortium – w/ AIAM COTE
    - i. Wisconsin Green Building Alliance
    - ii. UWM School of Architecture & Urban Planning
    - iii. City of Milwaukee, Office of Sustainability
  - d. Regional Consortium – w/ AIAM COTE
    - i. Madison, WI
      1. AIA Wisconsin – Sustainability Task Force
      2. City of Madison
      3. Energy Center of Wisconsin
    - ii. Chicago, IL
      1. USGBC Local Chapter
      2. City of Chicago
    - iii. Milwaukee, WI – See local above
3. LOCAL GREEN BUILDING & DESIGN ADVOCACY
  - a. Professional Panel – presentation to local politicians
  - b. Technical assistance/Service Projects
  - c. Communications – AIAM COTE Web, Homeowners, Speakers Bureau
4. CARBON NEUTRAL DESIGN PROJECT– Fall 2008 (AIA Board w/ AIA COTE National)

#### **Leadership Structure**

*The AIA Milwaukee COTE is a local advisory group comprised of a volunteer committee chair and a membership of interested professionals and partners. This group is focused on addressing local and regional AIA/COTE issues and opportunities as well as maintaining contact with the state and national level to further efforts throughout the nation.*