

**Celebrate Earth Day with COTE!**

April 22, 2021

Did you know Earth Day started in 1970 as a way to engage the American consciousness about a new and real threat to human health? On the heels of the book "Silent Spring", by Rachel Carson, "environmentalists" were born as a new social group of activists working to inform the public about living organisms, the environment, and the inextricable links between pollution and public health. For fifty-one years Earth Day has come to symbolize a time to focus on our most precious resources to protect our common future.

**A Message from COTE**

Greetings from the AIAO Committee on the Environment (COTE). On this Earth Day, we are motivated and inspired to build upon the spirit of collaboration and commitment that brought AIA members together from across the State of Oregon to discuss climate action and social justice during this extraordinary year.

COTE is an **AIA Knowledge Community** working for architects, allied professionals, and the public to achieve climate action and climate justice through design. We believe that design excellence is the foundation of a healthy, sustainable, and equitable future. Our work promotes design strategies that empower all AIA members to realize the best social and environmental outcomes with the clients and the communities they serve.

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**COTE® Top Ten Awards 2021**

Just in time for Earth Day, the 2021 **COTE® Top Ten Awards** have been announced, as well as the **COTE® Top Ten for Students**.

Congratulations to our member firm, Mahlum, who received a COTE® Top Ten Award for **Rainier Beach Clinic** (pictured above)

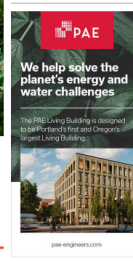
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**UO Architecture Students win Solar Decathlon for the 2nd Year in a Row**



For the second year in a row, a team of UO architecture students, led by Architecture Professor Ihab Elzeyadi, has won two international 2021 Solar Decathlon Design Competition awards: the First-Place Gold Trophy in the Elementary School Division and the Grand Jury Award across all commercial divisions of the competition.

This year's winners, Team Riparian, were part of "High Performance Environments," a studio taught by Elzeyadi since 2007.

"This is a monumental achievement and the first time in the competition's 20-year history to have an architectural team sweeping both awards two years in a row," said Elzeyadi, whose studio team, Team Polaris, also won both awards in 2020.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon Design Competition recognizes projects that emphasize low-carbon, low-energy, and excellence in sustainable design.

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**LAC Energy Policy Report**

Chris Forney, AIA, member of the Legislative Action Committee and the Committee on the Environment has given us a report on some of the activities of those committees, and on HB2398 and its possible use as a tool for climate action.

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**AIAO Virtual Lunch + Learn - Floodproofing**



"Floodplain Design, Construction, and Impacts on Flood Insurance"

This course provides insight into the importance of proper foundation flood vents and dry floodproofing techniques for buildings located in a flood zone. It will identify FEMA, NFIP, ASCE, ICC, and Building Code regulations, codes, and standards as they relate to sustaining foundations and overall business continuity in flood hazard areas and analyze the role of building compliance in securing lowering flood insurance rates and what mitigation solutions are available.

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**Inspiring Diversity Grant**



Launch or expand a diversity and equity program within your organization with help from **Prosper Portland**

The Inspiring Diversity Grant offers funding for local traded-sector employers (those selling goods and services outside Portland) to inspire creative, equity-related best practices around workforce, marketing and communications. Participation in the program gives your company the chance to build new community partnerships with underrepresented populations.

Apply by Monday, May 3 at 5pm.

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AIA Oregon Job Board

## AIA Oregon Thursday Roundtable



The Thursday Roundtable is a discussion-based venue, with a somewhat regular schedule, focused on topics of interest to our members. **4/22 Portland zoning changes update and discussion on the City of Portland provisions to the residential zoning code rolling out in August 2021 that greatly reduces the size of new homes and additions.**

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5/6 Social Justice Action Plan update - Firm Activities

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5/20 Emerging Professionals Licensing Discussion, with guests Chris Lewis, State of Oregon Licensing Advisor from NCARB, and Lisa Howard, Executive Director, OSBAE. [Learn More and Register](#)



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## AIA Oregon Digital Design Series



AIA Oregon's Digital Design Series is a 1 hour virtual session with various presenters on Zoom that occurs Wednesdays at 5:00pm. The topics of this series are design-focused, based on the concept of Learning from Sharing, led by people in our community and should provide opportunities for discussion.

If you would like to present, or have an idea for a DDS topic, please contact [info@aiaoregon.org](mailto:info@aiaoregon.org).

**April 21 Recording Available**

"The Portland Building: A Collaborative Approach to Revitalizing an Icon" Members of the design/build team (including owner, architect and contractor) talk about the experience of using this highly collaborative model and how that collaboration contributed to the success of a complex project that was delivered ahead of schedule and under budget.

[See the Video](#)

Erica Cedar and Kristin Wells will also be presenting on the Portland Building in an upcoming AIAU course - "Portland Building Perspectives" on May 11 at 1pm PDT. The course is free and worth 1.25 LUs.

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## Our Next Digital Design Series Presentation

**April 28 | 5:00-6:00pm | 1 AIA LU/HWSW available**

"Environments of Engagement: Recent Work Toward Equity and Sustainability"

Speaker - Chandra Robinson, AIA

This presentation will explore inclusive ways in which we can engage and collaborate with stakeholders, community members, and our project teams, even in a virtual world.

[Learn More and Register](#)

## Upcoming Digital Design Series Events

**May 5 | 5:00-6:00pm**

Brian Cavanaugh and Darell Fields will talk about collaboration and their experiences on the Lylye Reynolds-Parker Black Cultural Center, recipient of four regional, state and local AIA design awards.

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**May 12 | 5:00-6:00pm**

Microgrids are an emerging trend gaining popularity for their dual building resiliency and sustainability benefits. Karina Hershberg will provide a closer look at these important systems, including their limitations and complexities.

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## News & Events



**AIA Bend | City of Bend Development Code Presentation**  
May 12 | 12-1pm | CEU Pending

Join AIA Bend for a presentation by City of Bend Planners that gives an overview of recent and upcoming Bend Development Code changes and provides an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback directly to City staff regarding code content.

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**Carbon Narratives for Design Planning Workshops**

The University of Oregon's Net ZED Lab, in association with TallWood Design Institute, CORRIM, and AIA Oregon are launching a series of five workshops to focus on unanswered questions or conflicting narratives in the professional design community related to carbon in structural building materials. Registration is available now for Workshop 1.

**Workshop 1 | Apr 30 | 9-11am | 2 AIA LU/HWSW Available**

Wood Certifications: What is the difference and is it worth the extra cost?

The first of the workshop series will center conversations around North American forest certification programs, and the increasing demand for wood building products. [Learn More and Register](#)



**Passive House for All Conference 2021**  
Registration Now Open

NAPHN's conference - Passive House for All is a call to action. The event will take on the full range of specialized technical, process, and policy aspects of Passive House one expects from a NAPHN conference - and it will challenge us to make Passive House benefits, tools, and work, accessible to all, and enriched by everyone.

This will be a hybrid conference - conducted in-person, in NYC, and through the online platform.

[Learn More and Register](#)



**A'21 AIA Conference on Architecture**  
Registration Now Open

Join us June 17, July 8, July 29, and August 19 for a series of immersive, connected, all-digital experiences with leaders in architecture and beyond. A'21 will be a series of four unique online events that will address firms' business needs due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and racial inequities. Roman Mars, host and creator of 99% Invisible, will be our host.

[Learn More and Register](#)



**AIA Bend Section People's Choice Awards - Submission Has Begun**

Join your fellow architects and designers in a celebration of Central Oregon

architectural design! The AIA Bend Section First Annual People's Choice Awards will provide the opportunity for local designers and AIA Oregon Members and Allied Members to submit their projects for selection of the best designs by our peers. See the Call for Submissions at the link below for more information. [Learn More and Enter](#)

## Related News & Events



### AFO Spring Event - Introducing NOMA PDX Apr 27 | 12-1pm

The Architecture Foundation of Oregon invites you to a special lunchtime event to learn more about NOMA PDX (National Organization of Minority Architects Portland Chapter). Please join us at this event. [Learn More and Register](#)

- Hear from the founders of NOMA PD
- Discuss ways that AFO constituents can engage with NOMA's work
- "Mingle" with AFO members
- Enjoy some lunch - prepared by you or one of our local businesses!



### Idea to Reality: Owner/Architect Relationship in Planning & Design April 28 | 4-6pm

Join the Portland CSI Emerging Professionals in a discussion with Mutual Materials and Mackenzie on their relationship throughout planning and designing the Bend Mutual Materials location. [Learn More and Register](#)



### ETO and NEEA: Overview of the Commercial Provisions of the 2021 Oregon Energy Efficiency Specialty Code (OEESC) Apr 27 | 12-1:30pm | 1.5 AIA LU/HSW and 1.5 CCB Available

Join Energy Trust of Oregon and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) on April 27 for a free virtual training on the 2021 changes to the commercial provisions of the OEESC. This 90-minute webinar is geared toward members of the design, building and code compliance industries. It will feature an overview of the current Oregon commercial energy code and recent policy developments. [Learn More and Register](#)



### Net Zero Emerging Leaders Panel Presentation Apr 29 | 12-1:30pm

Meet the students from Energy Trust of Oregon's Net Zero Emerging Leaders Internship during a special panel presentation. They'll share their experiences learning the integrated design process and how the internship has prepared and inspired them to design high-performance buildings in our community. [Learn More and Register](#)



### Portland in Conversation: The Infrastructure of the Public City Fridays in April and May | 4-5:15pm | Free

As part of the PSU Urban Design Collaborative, the School of Architecture will host a series of urban design conversations in the Spring 2021 term. These conversations will address the infrastructure of the public city, consciously addressing both the large-scale systems and ideas that organize cities as well as concrete, contemporary urban design problems and projects. [Learn More and Register](#)

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