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1. SAO mourns the passing of a former employee

Bruce Curtis, a registered architect and long-term employee with the State of Ohio passed away Thursday, Aug. 10 at his home after a long battle with lung cancer. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Gail, and numerous other family members. The State Architect's Office offers its most sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

He joined the State Architect's Office in June 1989 as an architect project administrator, was promoted to architect supervisor in June 1994 and became an architect administrator in January 1995. Prior to retiring, he served as the SAO Manager of Special Projects, resolving many important issues related to Ohio capital improvements.

Bruce worked on many state projects during his time with SAO. He cared deeply about the work of the State Architect's Office and was tireless in his efforts to help the office and to help his colleagues. He was a fine architect and manager who will be sincerely missed by his coworkers and those with whom he came in contact.

Anyone wishing to send a letter of condolence to the family may forward them to the attention of Angie Carder at the State Architect's Office, 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43228-1395. Angie will forward all letters to the family.

2. New Columbus State Community College building showcased on SAO home page

The State Architect's Office is pleased to showcase the new Columbus State Community College Center for Workforce Development building on the SAO home page at www.ohio.gov/sao. The center opened July 20, making it the largest academic center built at Columbus State.

For more details about the project, go to <http://www.das.ohio.gov/gsd/sao/Projects/CSCCAcademicD.htm>.

3. SAO presents seminars at AIA Ohio convention

The following representatives of the State Architect's Office are slated to present two seminars at the 2006 AIA Ohio (a society of the American Institute of Architects) convention in Boardman, Ohio, on Thursday, Sept. 14: State Architect Roger B. Booker, AIA; SAO Special Services Manager Lane J. Beougher, AIA, CSI, LEED-AP; and SAO Energy Specialist WeiDong Huang, PE, LEED-AP. They will discuss how the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program could affect your next state project and how to meet the state's requirement for MasterFormat 2004.

The AIA Ohio annual convention will be held Sept. 14 - 16. This year's theme addresses the constantly changing roles of the architect and emerging professionals in a changing society. For more information about AIA Ohio or to register for the convention, go to www.aiaohio.org.

4. More project profiles added to the SAO Web site

Our photo gallery is growing! Please log on to the SAO Web site at www.ohio.gov/sao and click on "project profiles" to view an updated listing of past, present and future SAO-administered projects. The site includes photos of completed projects, as well as some that are still in construction, such as the \$1.8 million Supreme Court Building roof repair and renovation project in downtown Columbus, the \$18.5 million Visitor Information and Rest Area renovation project with its enhanced parking and access ramps to I-70 in the Buckeye Lake area, and the \$46 million University Student Center at Ohio University in Athens.

Also included are photos of the \$1.1 million renovation and improvements to our own building at 4200 Surface Road.

5. Save the dates for SAO College 2007

Mark your calendars now! New programs and educational topics are planned for SAO College 2007, which will be held Feb. 12 and 13 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus as part of the Ohio Construction Conference (formerly known as the Ohio Design & Construction Expo).

SAO College began in the spring of 2002 to educate interested parties on the proper design management and construction management of state projects. SAO College is attended annually by more than 200 participants, including state agencies and institutions, architects, engineers, contractors and construction managers from the private sector.

More detailed information will be announced in forthcoming issues of SAO eNews. Questions should be directed to Angie Carder at 614.752.0448 or via e-mail at angie.carder@das.state.oh.us.

6. Link to the September Ohio Register

The September 2006 issue of the Ohio Register was posted to the SAO Web site on Sept. 1. It can be viewed and printed at www.ohio.gov/sao (click on Ohio Register).

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