Green Initiative

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Green Initiative 0100 General Requirements

In mid-December 2007, the AIA Board adopted a new section of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. Canon VI deals solely with sustainable design and states: Canon VI Obligations to the Environment Members should promote sustainable design and development principles in their professional activities.

Sustainable Design: In performing design work, Members should be environmentally responsible and advocate sustainable building and site design.

Sustainable Development: In performing professional services, Members should advocate the design, construction, and operation of sustainable buildings and communities.

Sustainable Practices: Members should use sustainable practices within their firms and professional organizations, and they should encourage their clients to do the same.

The Architect shall present its preliminary evaluation to the Owner and shall discuss with the Owner alternative approaches to design and construction of the Project, including the feasibility of incorporating environmentally responsible design approaches. The Architect shall reach an understanding with the Owner regarding the requirements of the Project.

The Architect shall consider environmentally responsible design alternatives, such as material choices and building orientation, together with other considerations based on program and aesthetics, in developing a design that is consistent with the Owner's program, schedule, and budget for the Cost of the Work. The Owner may obtain other environmentally responsible design services.



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http://www.carbonfootprint.com/sand.html



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