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Architecture Tour-Rebirth/Reuse/Revitalize-The Lower 9th Ward **AIA New Orleans launches Architecture Tours August 2011**

New Orleans, La. (August 13, 2011) AIA New Orleans announces they will begin hosting monthly architecture tours this year. The first, *Rebirth/Reuse/Revitalize-The Lower 9th Ward*, takes a first-hand look at the architecture and development projects underway that clearly illustrate the rebirth and revitalization of the ninth ward community. Led by local architect John Williams, AIA, notable stops include the 'Make it Right' housing developments, 'green' houses by Habitat for Humanity, and the resource center and housing development by Global Green.

Rebirth/Reuse/Revitalize-The Lower 9th Ward will begin at the AIA New Orleans Center for Design, and tour via bus through the "Reuse District" (Marigny, St. Claude, Bywater) to the ninth ward area. Tickets are now available for purchase and available at www.aianeworleans.org. Seating is very limited so advanced booking is strongly encouraged.

Additional information regarding AIA New Orleans' monthly Architecture Tour series is available at www.aianeworleans.org, or contacting Eliana Thompson directly.

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About AIA New Orleans:

Founded in 1911, AIA New Orleans is a non-profit whose mission is to represent, educate and serve the architecture profession and entire community as concerns the built environment. AIA New Orleans is a component of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), which serves over 80,000 professional architects. Serving over 500 local professional architects and associate members, the chapter hosts more than 75 events annually for its members and the public. Most recently, AIA New Orleans opened the 'AIA New Orleans Center for Design' which serves its members and the public by offering architecture and design education opportunities in the forms of lectures, a study center, special events, and more. AIA New Orleans Center for Design is the only dedicated architecture and design exhibition space in the state of Louisiana.