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Sixth annual “Structures for Inclusion” conference to take place in San Francisco Bay Area, March 24-26, 2006

San Francisco, Calif.—Design Corps, in association with Bay Area nonprofits Public Architecture and Urban Ecology, is pleased to announce its sixth offering in the Structures for Inclusion (SFI) conference series. Addressing the theme of “Expanding Design,” SFI6 will take place Friday, March 24 through Sunday, March 26, in San Francisco, Calif. The event will be hosted by the Academy of Art University, the largest privately-owned design school in the country.

“San Francisco has long been a stronghold for progressive design,” notes Design Corps executive director Bryan Bell, who initiated the Structures for Inclusion conference series. “It’s exciting to see SFI finally reach the West Coast.”

From its inception in 2000, the dual mission of SFI has consistently been 1) to showcase design efforts that reach out to and serve a diverse clientele, and 2) to provide information on alternative career paths available to students and young designers. Attendance has grown from 75 participants in 2000 to nearly 300 in 2005.

“As in past years, SFI6 will provide a unique platform for interaction with practitioners who are exploring new means of bringing design into the world,” says Jess Wendover, a conference co-chair and Frederick P. Rose Architectural Fellow with Urban Ecology in San Francisco. “From the registration prices to the extra activities associated with the conference, it’s clear that Design Corps truly cares about reaching out to young professionals and students, who are seeking alternatives to traditional practice.”

The conference will lead off with an evening keynote presentation by Angela Brooks and Lawrence Scarpa of the firm Pugh+Scarpa, based in Santa Monica, Calif. Brooks and Scarpa will discuss their professional work as well as the environmental policy efforts of Livable Places, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization of which they are co-founders. Other featured speakers include Alan Lewis, director of the new Tulane City Center in New Orleans; David Baker, principal of David Baker + Partners Architects; Ann Fougerson, principal of Fougerson Architecture; John Peterson, principal of Peterson Architects; Anooradha Siddiqi, director of the Robin Hood Foundation Library Initiative in New York; and Raphael Sperry, president of Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility—among many others.

This diverse roster of speakers will address this year’s theme of “Expanding Design” through one of the following five panels:

- Designers’ Roles in Disaster Preparedness & Relief
- Approaches to Single-family Housing
- Public Interest Design by Mainstream Firms
- Activist Architecture and Design
- Starting and Maintaining an Inclusive Practice

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Registration

To register for SFI6, visit www.designcorps.org/registration.htm. Tickets are \$25 for students; \$50 for interns and young professionals; and \$100 for architects and others.

About Design Corps

Established in 1999 and based in Raleigh, NC, Design Corps is a nonprofit architectural group whose mission is to find ways to offer quality, affordable design services to people and communities that could not otherwise afford them. Visit www.designcorps.org for more information.

About Public Architecture

Established in 2002 and based in San Francisco, Public Architecture acts as a catalyst for public discourse through education, advocacy, and the design of public spaces and amenities. Visit www.publicarchitecture.org for more information.

About Urban Ecology

Established in 1975 and based in San Francisco, Urban Ecology work to create vibrant neighborhoods by listening to communities, designing neighborhood plans to meet residents' specific needs, advocating change, and serving as an information resource. Visit www.urbanecology.org for more information.

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