

Three state registration boards are paying students' IDP fees to ensure that those emerging professionals are on the right path to becoming licensed and certified architects.

State Boards Lend a Helping Hand

UTAH BOARD LATEST TO COVER IDP FEES

The Utah Architect Licensing Board has joined the South Carolina State Board of Architectural Examiners and the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects in an effort to fund Intern Development Program (IDP) fees for in-state architecture students.

In October 2005, the Utah Board paid the initial \$100 IDP application fee for 52 graduate students enrolled at the University of Utah. A \$10 surcharge on all registration renewals is directed to the board's education and enforcement fund in order to cover this new initiative.

According to Utah Bureau Manager Dan S. Jones, the board has taken this step in order to encourage students to become involved in IDP at an early stage. He explained, "We believe this will be beneficial both for the students and for NCARB."

SOUTH CAROLINA LEADS THE WAY

The South Carolina Board has been covering IDP fees for students at Clemson University since the 2002-2003 academic year. To date, the board has transferred approximately \$25,000 to Clemson for IDP fees.

IDP application fees are fully covered for both fourth-year students and Master's degree students at Clemson, which is the only university in South Carolina with an accredited program in architecture. Jan C. Simpson, the administrator for the South Carolina Board, explained, "There is no obligation on the student's part if they accept funding. Students are not required to enroll [in IDP],

but most do. If they enroll, but later decide against a career in architecture, they do not have to repay the money."

Like Utah, the South Carolina Board has statutory authority to place up to \$10 from renewal fees in its Architecture Education and Research Fund, which carries over fiscal years.

According to Simpson, the board agreed to cover IDP fees in response to a regulatory

NEBRASKA FUNDS STUDENTS WITH AN EYE ON THE FUTURE

In late 2003, the Nebraska Board of Architects and Engineers agreed to encourage architecture and engineering students at the University of Nebraska to pursue licensure. For qualified students, the board respectively covers the \$100 enrollment fee for IDP.

The Nebraska Board believes that helping students is a wise investment, especially

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requirement. In South Carolina, applicants for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) must establish an NCARB record one year prior to taking the exam. By paying IDP fees, the board eliminated the cost of the program as a potential monetary impediment for students.

"The students are very appreciative of the board's initiative," Simpson said. "When we attend sessions at Clemson, we make sure they understand that the dollars supporting this funding actually came from architects' pockets! We want students to appreciate the 'cycle of giving.'"

given current registration statistics: Only one-third of architects registered in Nebraska live in-state.

In an earlier interview with NCARB's Publications Consultant William Houseman, former Nebraska Board Executive Charles Nelson, AIA, explained, "These young people will soon be a part of our economic base as licensed professionals. We hope to affect that statistic, while welcoming students into the wonderful profession of architecture." **DC**

Editor's Note: We'd like to hear from other registration boards offering similar incentive programs for interns.