

# APEC Architect Project Web Site Now Available

NCARB and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) have jointly launched a new web site ([www.ncarb.org/apecarchitect/](http://www.ncarb.org/apecarchitect/)) that is dedicated to the APEC Architect Project. APEC, an acronym for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, is an international organization representing 21 member economies that actively promotes economic and technical cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The APEC Architect Project was initiated in order to encourage the mobility of architects throughout the APEC region by reducing current barriers that limit the exporting of profes-

sional services. As a member economy, the United States has been actively involved in the development of the APEC Architect Project since its inception.

As the registration authority for architects in the United States, NCARB acts as the Provisional Monitoring Committee for U.S. interests. In that capacity, NCARB will oversee the negotiating, processing, and adjudication necessary for the collection and maintenance of the U.S. portion of the APEC Architect Register. Members of the U.S. Provisional Monitoring Committee will be drawn from NCARB member boards and staff and from

AIA members and staff. (Representatives from the remaining collateral organizations—NAAB, AIAS, and ACSA—may be included as deemed necessary by NCARB and the AIA.)

The new web site provides detailed information about the APEC Architect Project, including the APEC Architect Roster for qualified U.S. architects. An architect seeking inclusion on the roster must be NCARB-certified and must demonstrate seven years of post-registration experience. To learn more about the APEC Architect Project and to apply for the APEC Architect Roster, visit [www.ncarb.org/apecarchitect](http://www.ncarb.org/apecarchitect) for further details. **DC**

## United States Architects Sign Two Mutual Recognition Agreements

### THE TRINATIONAL MRA

The leadership of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Committee of Canadian Architectural Council (CCAC), and the Comité Mexicano para la Práctica Internacional de la Arquitectura (COMPIAR), respectively representing the profession of architecture in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, met in Oaxaca, Mexico on October 7, 2005 to wrap up years of negotiations and to sign the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) that will allow qualifying architects in the three countries to practice architecture throughout North America. The United States delegates included President H. Carleton Godsey, FAIA, Past President Robert A. Boynton, FAIA, 2nd Vice President Douglas Engebretson, FAIA and Michiel Bourdreuz, AIA of NCARB and AIA President Douglas Steidl, FAIA. Canada was represented by CCAC Chair Stuart Howard and CCAC Past Chair Charles Henley. Mexico's COMPIAR negotiators included José Manuel Reachí Mora, Aarón Bernal Rodríguez, Fernando Mora Mora, Xavier Cortés Rocha, José Luis Cortés Delgado, and Héctor García Escorza. COMPIAR is an organization comprising the Federación de Colegios de Arquitectos de la República Mexicana

(FCARM) and the Asociación de Instituciones de Enseñanza de la Arquitectura de la República Mexicana (ASINEA) that is authorized to negotiate on behalf of the Mexican federal government.

The Agreement is the culmination of many years of contact and discussions between the regulatory and professional organizations of the three NAFTA countries. When ratified and implementation details have been agreed upon, it will allow architects to practice architecture throughout North America when they meet educational requirements and can demonstrate a minimum period of ten years certified post-registration/licensure experience, at least two years of which must be in verified responsible control of the comprehensive practice of architecture, and documented by a dossier of work.

NCARB and CCAC concluded an Inter-recognition Agreement in June, 1994, and this Trinational MRA in no way affects or supersedes that Agreement. The Trinational MRA must still be ratified by the regulatory organizations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

### MRA WITH ACE

The leadership of the National Council of

Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), respectively representing the profession of architecture in the United States and the European Union (EU), met in Luxembourg, November 19, 2005 to sign an MRA.

Once ratified and implementation details have been agreed upon, the MRA will establish the recognition of qualifications for architects between the EU and the United States in the context of the Transatlantic Economic Partnership. It is expected to facilitate reciprocal recognition of architects between the United States and the countries of the European Union. The MRA must be ratified by the regulatory organizations in the United States and the European Union. NCARB Member Boards will be the last to vote on the ratification of both agreements, in June 2006, after which implementation details will be worked out. Architects will be able to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the MRAs late 2006 or early 2007.

For more information on these agreements, see the NCARB web site at [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org) or contact Michiel Bourdreuz, Director, Education and International Services, at: [mbourdreuz@ncarb.org](mailto:mbourdreuz@ncarb.org). **DC**