



Architects can now choose from 25 different titles in the NCARB's monograph series to help them stay current with the latest developments in the industry while earning health, safety, and welfare professional development units.

More Ways to Learn and Earn (HSW units)

This summer, NCARB will release *Getting to Smart Growth II*. Together with the "Ethics and Professional Rules of Conduct: Distinction and Clarification" mini-monograph available in this issue of *Direct Connection* and the *Sustainable Design II* monograph released in January, the NCARB monograph series will offer 25 titles.

All monograph subjects are selected by the Professional Development Committee to help architects stay current with developments in the industry while providing a convenient and affordable way to earn health, safety, and welfare professional development units (PDUs). According to a recent survey by the Professional Development Committee, NCARB's monographs represent the lowest cost per PDU available. Current NCARB Record holders can earn PDUs in health, safety, and welfare for less than \$16 per unit. Payment covers the monograph, quiz, scoring process, and one free retest if needed. Passing scores are reported to the American Institute of Architects at no extra cost, and you can immediately print your PDU certificate.

ENDING URBAN SPRAWL WITH SMART GROWTH

There is growing concern that the "urban sprawl" that was prevalent throughout much of the 20th century is not in the best interest of cities, suburbs, small towns, rural communities, or wilderness areas. Today, more and

more communities are seeking "smart growth" plans that emphasize compact, transit-oriented, walkable, bicycle-friendly land use. These types of communities feature neighborhood schools, pedestrian-friendly streets, and mixed-use development that incorporates a range of housing choices.

In an effort to help architects meet these quality-of-life demands, NCARB released its *Getting to Smart Growth* monograph in 2003. The companion monograph, *Getting to Smart Growth II*, continues to address this topic and presents a wide variety of smart growth tools, policies, and approaches to make more livable communities. *Getting to Smart Growth II* provides new case studies as well as dozens of practice and financial tips. The monograph also includes a matrix for implementing policies and a directory of smart growth funding and lending institutions.

Every community has its own set of challenges and demands a unique approach to create a plan for smart growth. *Getting to Smart Growth* volumes I and II offer a menu of options that can be mixed and matched to fit local circumstances, visions, and values.

Successful completion of the quiz for *Getting to Smart Growth II* earns six professional development units and/or AIA learning units in health, safety, and welfare.

BUILDING GREEN IS MORE THAN BUZZ

"Sustainability" is one of the biggest buzzwords in the industry. NCARB's *Sustainable Design II* monograph goes beyond the buzz and looks at what "sustainable design" really means by examining the impact that buildings have on global climate change. It provides a synopsis of what has been learned about the benefits of green building since NCARB published *Sustainable Design* in 2001.

Sustainable Design II reviews "Green Building Rating Systems" and focuses on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system and its growing number of products and application guides. The costs and benefits of green buildings and integrated design are also examined.

Successful completion of the quiz for *Sustainable Design II* earns 12 professional development units and/or AIA learning units in health, safety, and welfare.

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