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The AIA: The American Institute of Architects

The **American Institute of Architects (AIA)** is a professional organization for architects in the United States. It has its Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the AIA offers education, community redevelopment, and public outreach to support the architectural profession and improve its public image since it was founded in 1857. The AIA currently has over 83,000 members across the US

The current Leadership in the AIA include:

Robert Ivy, FAIA as EVP/Chief Executive Officer

Carl Elefante, FAIA as AIA President

“The AIA is the voice of the architecture profession. We’re more than 83,000 members strong.” - The AIA

What they do:

“The AIA delivers value to its members through advocacy, information, and community.” - The AIA

Each year the AIA

- Sponsors hundreds of continuing education experiences to help architects maintain their licensure
- Offers more than 100 forms and contracts that define relationships and terms involved in the design and construction industry
- Publishes more than 20 online publications
- Provides countless Web-based resources for emerging architecture professionals
- Helps members connect with each other in more than 20 knowledge communities, 300 some local and state components, and several blogs
- Conducts market research and provides analysis of the economic factors that affect the business of architecture
- Hosts the annual AIA National Convention and Design Exposition
- Serves as an advocate of the architecture profession
- Champions architects’ future through an annual ad campaign