

ELEVATIONS

NEWS FROM AIA MONTGOMERY

March 2012

Meeting Recap February 2012

Thanks again to our February Sponsor, Alabama Graphics, as they allowed for Darren Draper of the Epstein Group to speak to us about the issues we are facing with the Commissioning requirements for projects as well as LEED Commissioning.

Last week, Stacy and I visited Washington DC to participate in AIA Grassroots 2012, we visited with the staff of our Senators and House of Representatives, and shared the four main issues affecting our practices that AIA has focused on for 2012.

On behalf of our members, we asked for Congress to Remove Barriers to Private Sector Lending, to improve the lending market and allow worthwhile projects to have access to capital.

Also, we asked for Congress to incentivize energy efficient new construction and renovations by expanding the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction, which would save energy and create jobs for Americans.

Third, we wanted to get support to ensure that small architecture firms, which comprises 95% of all firms, have access to SBA programs and the SBA size threshold for architectural small businesses is not categorized along with unrelated industries.

Finally, we asked for reform of transportation programs to maintain current funding, support all modes of transportation, and recognize the need for well designed projects.

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Announcements

AIA 2012

**NATIONAL CONVENTION
AND DESIGN EXPOSITION**
MAY 17-19 WASHINGTON, D.C.

ENERGY STAR Challenge: Architects
RACE to DC  

ENERGY STAR Challenge for Architects: Race to DC
EPA invites all architects to team up, lace up their sneakers, and jump into the Race to DC!
<http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=new_bldg_des_ign.architects_challenge>

Help your region win the Race by submitting the most design projects that achieve ENERGY STAR. The winning region, projects, and A/E firms will be showcased at the AIA Convention in Washington, DC, May 17 -19, 2012.

The following images are from Grassroots 2012
Washington, D.C.



Next Meeting March 21, 2011

Join us for the **Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon**

The luncheon this month will be held at **The Montgomery Country Club**, downstairs in the Montgomery Room.
Lunch will be served at 11:45PM.

Speaker & Sponsor

The **March** meeting is being sponsored by **TTL Incorporated** of Montgomery.

TTL provides geotechnical services to a variety of clients including private owners, architects, engineers, contractors and municipalities. Their level of services includes subsurface investigations, geotechnical reports, foundation/pavement recommendations, site earthwork construction monitoring and materials testing, quality control services and quality assurance services, including IBC Special Inspections. CTL has been a faithful supporter of the Chapter's luncheons for many years and we appreciate their continued involvement.

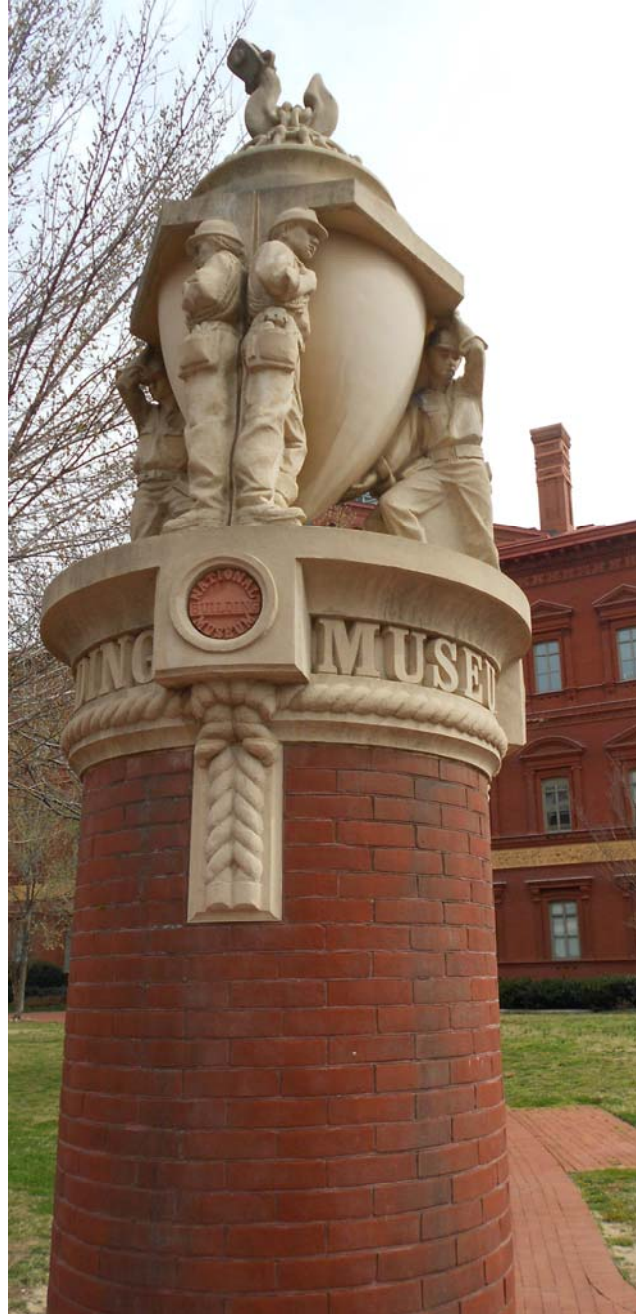
For more information about **TTL Inc.**, call them at 334.244.0766, or visit their at www.ttlinc.com

Speaker

Our speaker this month will be **Cindy McKim** of Alabama Board of Architects.

The topic of discussion is "Embracing Change".

This presentation will highlight the new continuing education requirements, important changes, and effective dates as well as provide some time for questions and answers.





Upcoming Events

March 21

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon

The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL

April 18

Montgomery Chapter AIA Luncheon

The Montgomery Country Club
Montgomery, AL

May 17

Race to DC: Energy Efficient Designs

Washington, D.C.

May 17-19

AIA National Convention

Washington, D.C.



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