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Hohmann Provides Experience, Guidance To Strong ACAI Team

Fort Lauderdale, FL (June 2007) -- In the business world, everyone is paid in two currencies -- cash and experience. "A wise man once said to take the experience first and the cash will come later," says Adolfo Cotilla, AIA, and president of ACAI Associates, when referring to his hiring of George H. Hohmann, AIA, in 2005, to oversee the architectural division at the respected full-service South Florida architecture firm.

"George is not only an incredible resource for us, but also cash in the bank."

Hohmann, a native of St. Louis and a Washington University graduate, brings nearly 45 years of professional experience to the award-winning firm. An NCARB-certified architect registered in Florida and Missouri, Hohmann's wide array of projects include work for the federal, state and local governments and numerous private-sector clients, including a number of medical facilities throughout the US. In addition, Hohmann served three years as Officer in Charge of Construction for the United States Navy.

"George is one of the top architects in South Florida and is highly regarded by his peers and clients," says Cotilla. "Without question, George's knowledge, common sense and wealth of experience make us a stronger firm. More than that, however, he brings to the table the values and principles on which ACAI was founded -- high ethics, innovation, attention to details and customer service."

The "Show Me" State native has an impressive portfolio, having worked on some of South Florida's signature building projects, including the Broward County Emergency Operations Center; the Coral Springs Medical Center Outpatient Clinic; the Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Center; the Pompano Beach City Hall and Commission Chambers; Miami International Airport's Northside ARFF facility; Lauderdale's FS #57 and Fire Rescue Headquarters; and the Holy Cross Hospital Sister Innocent Hughes Auditorium and Education Building. His national experience in eight states includes the Marshall University

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School of Medicine in Huntington, West Virginia; the West Virginia University School of Medicine in Charleston; the St. Louis University Medical School; the Medical Center Hospital in Columbus, Georgia; the Hermann Area District Hospital in Hermann, Missouri; the Raleigh Hills Hospital in Sacramento, California; the Eye Hospital of Greater St. Louis; and the Lee County Community Hospital in Pennington Gap, Virginia.

“I enjoy working on the diverse and exciting projects that we’re tackling at ACAI,” says the passionate, always bow-tied Hohmann. “Adolfo has put together a dynamic, talented team here, and if I can help our young professionals by noting pitfalls and mistakes that experience has taught me to avoid, as well as pinpoint particulars that help strengthen a project, that’s a lasting good for the firm and the next generation of architects. I feel strongly about the importance of mentoring our young architects, and I appreciate the opportunity to do so.”

“What goes around comes around in the business world,” states Cotilla. “As a young architect, I once applied for a job with George -- he couldn’t afford me! Now, I’m so proud of the lessons he brings to our professionals every day and with every project. His level of experience can truly teach the values of clarity, commitment, synergy, service, accountability and action. Plus, he’s a terrific architect and client contact.”

Hohmann’s know-how is built on a solid foundation of experiences. Skilled at managing complex projects with multi-tiered approval processes and multiple-user stakeholders, he considers himself a good “nuts-and-bolts” architect and a solid planner. “An architect worth his salt has to know a little bit about a lot of things,” says Hohmann. “A good architect makes things work, understands functionality, is highly collaborative, is adept at building consensus, and is a good organizer.”

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