This year, AIA|LA’s third annual ENCOMPASS: Inclusive Architecture conference will serve as a forum to highlight best-practices to achieve greater business and cultural inclusion, key procurement reform recommendations and successful examples of building diverse teams. We will examine innovative ways to establish effective mentor-protégé programs and initiatives to ensure greater equity and diversity in the delivery of professional services in the A/E/C industry.

The first half of the conference will focus on exploring procurement opportunities with the public sector, including City of LA, LAUSD, METRO and the County of Los Angeles. We’ll explore ideas about how to best remove barriers to entry and gain access to these important contracts, as well as analyze ways to reduce the risk and burden small businesses must endure once they have a public sector contract.

The second half of the day will focus on private sector procurement opportunities. We’ll highlight mentor-protégé best-practices and expand insight into how to build diverse teams that can optimize the value of delivered outcomes and advance more inclusive partnerships.

AIA Los Angeles Staff
Carlo Caccavale, Hon. AIA|LA
Marcio Carvalho
Kirstin Jensvold-Rumage
Susie Kim
Adam Ramirez
Maria Robinson Glover
Tibby Rothman, Hon. AIA|LA
Steve Tanner, Hon. AIA|LA
Mona Telega
Will Wright, Hon. AIA|LA

www.aialosangeles.org

FB: @AIALosAngeles
Instagram: @aia_la
LinkedIn: @AIA-Los-Angeles
Twitter: @AIALosAngeles

#EncompassLA
#Diversity
#Architecture
ENCOMPASS: Inclusive Architecture
An AIA|LA Conference to Promote Greater Diversity and Inclusion in the Profession
Wednesday, April 24 (8am – 3:30pm)
California African American Museum
600 State Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037

8:00am  Registration, Breakfast & Networking

8:30am  AIA Los Angeles: Our Commitment to an Inclusive Profession
Barbara Bouza, FAIA, IIDA, LEED AP, EDAC
Managing Director, Principal, Gensler
2019 AIA|LA President

8:40am  Diversity Drives Innovation
Gabrielle Bullock, FAIA, NOMA, IIDA, LEED AP
Director of Global Diversity, Principal, Perkins + Will
President, International Interior Design Association

9:00am  Legacy, Collaboration & Serving the Public
Ella Hazard, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP
Chief Creative Creature, SuperCreature LLC
in a conversation w/
Gail Kennard
President, Kennard Design Group

9:30am  County of Los Angeles: Infrastructure Vision
Mark Pestrella, PE
Director, Los Angeles County Public Works

10:00am  PUBLIC AGENCIES: Effective Business Inclusion Programs
Roland Wiley, AIA
Principal, RAW International
leads a discussion w/
Debra Avila
Chief Vendor/ Contract Management Officer, METRO

PUBLIC AGENCIES (continued)
Isaac Gindi
Deputy Director, Business Outreach & Technical Services
Department of Public Works, County of Los Angeles

Krisztina Tokes
Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, LAUSD

Kwaku Gyabaah
Vice President, Clark Construction Group

Peter E. Hendrickson, AIA
Associate Vice Chancellor, Design and Construction, UCLA Capital Programs

Mahmood Karimzadeh, AIA
Deputy City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering, Department of Public Works, City of Los Angeles

10:45am  Interactive Q&A

11:00am  IMPLEMENTATION: Establishing Effective Mentor-Protégé Programs
Mitra Memari, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
Partner, ZGF Architects LLP
2019 AIA|LA Treasurer
leads a discussion w/
Dr. Giovanna Brasfield, CCA
Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Flatiron Construction
Board Member, WBEC West (Women’s Business Enterprise National Council)

Lynda McGlinchey
Senior Management Analyst, Certification, Outreach, Regulations, & Enforcement Section, Bureau of Contract Administration, City of Los Angeles

Priscilla Chavez, CCA
Manager, Diversity & Inclusion, PCL Construction Services, Inc.
Past-President, National Association of Women in Construction, Los Angeles

Schenae Rourk
Principal, Redwood Resources
President, National Association of Women Business Owners, Los Angeles Chapter

11:45am  Interactive Q&A

12:00pm  LUNCH BREAK

1:00pm  An Equitable, Healthy & Creative Los Angeles
George O. Davis
Executive Director
California African American Museum

1:05pm  “To Make Sense of the Larger Picture”
Janna Ireland
Photographer, “There is Only One Paul R. Williams”

1:30pm  PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES: “Walking the Talk” & Building Diverse Teams
Leslie Sydnor, AIA
Director, Planning Project Manager
Cumming Corporation
2019 AIA|LA Board Member
leads a discussion w/
Carmen Suero, Assoc. AIA
Senior Design Manager, Clark Construction Group

Amy Pokawatana, AIA, LEED AP
Director, Planning
Hudson Pacific Properties

Elise McCurley, AIA
Senior Job Captain, NAC Architecture

Michael Owu
General Manager, Purchasing & Contract Services, County of Los Angeles
Former Chief Procurement Officer, City of Los Angeles

Ziba Ghasssemi, AIA, LEED AP
Vice President of Design – Airports, Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield Group

2:15pm  Building. Project. Teams: Perspectives on the Importance of Diversity in Contracting, Team Leadership, and Project Execution
Lance A. Collins, AIA, LEED AP (BD+C), cSBA, GGP, GGA-EB
Director, Partner Energy
President, SoCalNOMA
leads a discussion w/
Roland Wiley, AIA
Principal, RAW International
Alexis Laing
Senior Project Manager, BRIDGE Housing
Michael H. Anderson, AIA
Principal, BASE
Jose Omeottol
City Manager, City of Lynwood

3:00pm  SoCalNOMA Summer Camp & Project Pipeline
Lawrence Huley
Mass Cali Production, Inc. & SoCalNOMA Chapter, Community Outreach Leadership and Executive Director of CAMP NOMA

3:10pm  NEXT STEPS
An interactive dialogue facilitated by:
Kevin M. Holland, FAIA, NOMAC, LEED AP
Director of Operations, Senior Associate, Perkins + Will

Valery Augustin, AIA, NCARB
Principal, DNA Architecture + Design
Associate Professor of Practice, Director of Global Studies, USC School of Architecture

3:30pm  CLOSING REMARKS
Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor, County of Los Angeles, District 2

3:30pm  ADJOURN