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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

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.

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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,
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PUBLIC AGENCIES (continued)

Isaac Gindi
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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
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Construction, Los Angeles

Schena 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"

1:10pm LAWA: The Gateway to Workforce Development & Cultural Inclusion

Robert L. Gilbert
Chief Development Officer
Los Angeles World Airports

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

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County of Los Angeles
Former Chief Procurement Officer,
City of Los Angeles

Ziba Ghassemi, 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 Ometeotl
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

3:20pm CLOSING REMARKS

Hon. Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor, County of Los Angeles, District 2

3:30pm ADJOURN