QUARTERLY CONFERENCE CALL

The Architectural Practice Committee will host a quarterly conference call on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 12:00 – 1:15 pm EST. Video conference call-in number: For web connection, go to: https://www.spiderphone.com/05698937 (This link will help connect both your browser) and dial +1 212-812-2800 and enter 0569 8937 for phone connection.

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm, Eastern Standard Time; 11:00 am to 12:15 pm, Central Standard Time; 10:00 am to 11:15 am Mountain Standard Time; 9:00 am to 10:15 am, Pacific Standard Time; 8:00 am to 9:15 am, Alaska Standard Time; 7:00 am to 8:15 am, Hawaii Standard Time.

The agenda for the quarterly conference call includes an update on committee focus area initiatives, open discussion, and FREE 1 AIA LU/HSW/SD credited interview and Q+A session by APC Chair JJ Tang with Ed Feiner, FAIA, Perkins + Will, titled "History of GSA’s Design Excellence Program". Participants are encouraged to interact during the sessions and to pose questions to Mr. Feiner.

Ed Feiner serves as director of the Design Leadership Council at Perkins+Will. The Council, which includes all design principals, is chartered to ensure the continuity and furtherance of design excellence throughout the firm. Mr. Feiner is considered to be among the leading experts in the U.S. public buildings design and planning, most notably for the design of courthouses. In 2009, Ed assumed a leadership position in the Perkins+Will Washington, DC office as a firmwide resource.

Ed Feiner served as Chief Architect of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) from 1996 until 2005 where he led the agency's nationwide design and construction program, which included the development of Federal courthouses, office buildings, national laboratories, border stations and special-use projects. Ed held the most senior professional architectural position in the United States government. While at GSA, he founded the Design Excellence Program, which reinvented the federal procurement process for architecture. The program streamlined the process of commissioning a new building and focused on design quality. He was instrumental in the development and execution of GSA's Green Building Standards, program management and the design of GSA’s first LEED certified projects. Ed personally reviewed and approved the concept designs of all Federal courthouses developed by GSA from 1985 through 2005.