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ALABAMA CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE COMING SOON! The new Alabama Center for Architecture (ACFA) will serve as the physical home for the Alabama Architectural Foundation (AAF), the Birmingham Architectural Foundation (BAF) and AIA Birmingham Chapter. The ACFA will provide resources to both the public and building industry professionals through venue space and support services.

By hosting exhibitions, programs and special events, the ACFA aims to improve the quality and sustainability of the built environment, foster exchange between the design, construction, and real estate communities, and encourage collaborations across our city and state.

ACFA will be a center to educate our community about the value of architecture. The Center will be dedicated to developing the understanding of architecture and its influence on our lives, our communities and our world. When the center is complete it will include a private conference room, private work stations, kitchen and serving area, outdoor courtyard and exhibit/ gallery space.

The ACFA was envisioned with three core principals as its mission: **Engagement, Education, and Collaboration.**

We need your help to raise money. The capital fund committee has been tasked with raising an initial \$100,000 for “brick and mortar” improvements. Additional underwriting will be sought from local and regional foundations and donors for ongoing support to operate The Center in its new mission.

The Capital Fund Committee is now seeking financial commitments from AIA member firms and individual AIA members. Our goal is 100% participation from our membership for this important project. Please consider a suggested minimum donation of \$250 per member. As we reach out to the larger realm of sponsors and supporters, we want to show that the ACFA is fully supported by our membership.

The fundraising is at its critical stage to raise capital for the project to be complete and ready for the inaugural unveiling at the State AIA Convention this summer in Birmingham, June 7th – 10th, 2013. Donations will be made payable through the Birmingham Architectural Foundation, a recognized tax deductible 501c3 organization.

Sincerely,

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