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UNIVERSAL DESIGN SUMMIT 4

CREATING UNIVERSAL HOMES & COMMUNITIES

October 10 - 12, 2010 – St. Louis, Missouri

Universal Design Summit 4: Creating Universal Homes and Communities is a national conference focusing on the design concept known as universal design. The R.L. Mace Universal Design Institute (UDI) has collaborated with the Starkloff Disability Institute (SDI) to provide a unique educational experience showcasing good examples of universal design that can be incorporated into housing and communities.

As North America's only conference exclusively focused on universal housing and neighborhoods, the conference goal is to bring about community integration, participation, and enhancement of the independence of all people at home and throughout the course of their daily lives. UDS4 will continue the tradition of providing exceptional content with regard to universal design features in housing, sustainability, community design, green design, and affordability to create housing and communities usable by all. Universal design is transparent, inclusive, attractive, and integrates features that improve function, safety, and usability for everyone. It is a better approach to design and construction, and can be achieved in all types of buildings, and at all price points.

The Need For Universal Design

UDS4 responds to the growing need for information about the changing customer and home and neighborhood design issues in the 21st century. The altered demographics of America have produced a growing need for homes and communities that better support average people's typical activities and are more accommodating as their abilities change. The need is great and growing, and trends in home styles have not kept pace. There are 60 million individuals living in this country with some type of disability, a population bubble of 77 million baby boomers moving into middle age (and beyond), and a group of older people whose numbers will double by 2030. There are 125 million residential units in the U.S. right now.



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Fewer than 15 million of them have significant accessibility features. Few new universal homes are built each year.

No domain is more in need of universal design than housing and community design. If we want sustainable communities, we need both housing and communities designed for lifespan utility. UDS4 focuses on this dynamic relationship.

New in 2010

This year's conference will provide learning opportunities through informal discussion, breakout, and plenary sessions. The conference will feature an area for exhibits, design charettes, workshops, and tours of universally designed neighborhoods and housing. This year's conference will be expanded to include a preconference day that will gather experts to discuss critical issues in universal housing.

Audience

The conference will attract over 250 national leaders in the field: architects, landscape architects, designers, planners, developers, builders, contractors, students/faculty in architecture and design, nonprofit housing organizations, code officials, public health professionals, and other related disciplines.

In addition, thousands more will access the conference Web site and obtain conference materials before, during and after the conference. Interested professionals who cannot attend will be able to participate through our online simulcasts. Continuing Education Units will be available for architects and occupational therapists, interior designers, landscape architects and planners.

Collaborators

These local and national sponsors, many of whom were collaborators in the third conference, are providing support:

- Host Sponsor - Saint Louis University
- Organizing Sponsor
 - Washington University
 - AIA St Louis
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 - AARP
 - Missouri Commission on Human Rights



- Sponsor
 - Partners for Livable Communities
 - McCormack Baron Salazar
 - Missouri Housing Development Commission
 - St. Louis County Office for Community Development
 - City of St. Louis Affordable Housing Commission
 - Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University

Event location

UDS 4 will be held in St. Louis, Mo., on the campus of Saint Louis University in the Busch Student Center. Saint Louis University is located in midtown St. Louis and is easily accessible by major highways, light rail, and public transportation. Lambert International Airport is the nearest airport, located approximately 20 minutes from the university.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS - Submissions due: April 9

Please contact the conference organizers with any questions:

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Day 1: Sunday, October 10 – 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm: **Site Visits**

St. Louis has innovative housing and neighborhoods that provide unique learning opportunities. Sunday will feature tours to local sites with universal features.

Day 2: **Monday, October 11 – 8:30 am to 7:00 pm: Plenary and Concurrent Sessions Evening Reception** (Busch Conference Center)

The second day includes plenary sessions, breakout sessions and informal discussions. Exhibits will be open during breakfast, lunch, evening sessions and all breaks.

Topics will include:

- Single-family Housing
- Multifamily Housing
- Community Planning and Design
- Design for Aging
- Green / Universal Design Overlap

Featured Topics / Events will Include:

- AARP / NAHB Livable Communities Awards Program Winner
- Book Authors including several from the Second Edition of the *Universal Design Handbook*
- Global Universal Design Council's (GUDC) New Design Standards
- International Universal Design Case Study Collection

Day 3: **Tuesday, October 12 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm: Seminars, Design Charettes and Workshops** (Busch Conference Center)

The third day will continue the conference center-based events in the morning while adding charettes and workshops in the afternoon. Exhibitors will have contact opportunities during breakfast, lunch and all breaks.

SPECIAL POST CONFERENCE EVENT

On Wednesday, October 13 a new advanced CAPS (Certified Aging in Place Specialist) curriculum will be piloted. This event, held in collaboration with NAHB Remodelers (NAHBR) and the St. Louis Home Builders Association, will be provided later and will include separate registration.

