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GSA to Sponsor Lecture on Modernism and Sustainability

NEW YORK CITY - The U.S. General Services Administration's Northeast and Caribbean Region is pleased to present a lecture by noted architect David N. Fixler, FAIA, LEED entitled ***Modernism and Sustainability – Separated in Childhood, Reunited at Last***. Fixler is a principal at Einhorn Yafee Prescott, AE/PC with 30 years of experience in the design of major renovation and restoration projects, with a specialty in the rehabilitation and adaptation of mid-century modern architecture. The lecture will take place on Thursday, July 30th from 10 to noon at the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House in at Bowling Green in lower Manhattan.

Addressing modernism as it is commonly perceived, and its sustainable other, Fixler will cite examples of both public and private projects and initiatives, and raise the issues that are typically faced when dealing with challenges of rehabilitating mid-century modern buildings. Focus will be on the broad range of sustainable strategies that are being created and implemented by design, construction, and real estate professionals with the goal of improving programmatic, performance, and aesthetics while extending the useful life of a facility.

GSA, through its role as a key real estate manager for the federal government, has been tasked under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 with developing \$4.5 billion in high-performance green building conversion projects for both its older and newer federal facilities. These projects will help reduce the federal government's consumption of energy and water, and increase use of clean and renewable sources of energy.

LECTURE DETAILS:

July 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00

Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House, New York City, NY

Directions: The Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House is located at One Bowling Green at the southern tip of Manhattan, New York City.

By Subway:

4 or 5 to Bowling Green
1 to South Ferry
R and W to Whitehall Street
M, J, and Z to Broad St.

By Bus:

M1 to South Ferry
M6 and M15 to South Ferry

Use ground floor Smithsonian entrance, to the right of the staircase in front of the building.

Admission is free, but space is limited. For more information and to register go to GSA Events at www.gsa.gov, or you can register directly through www.urbangreencouncil.org

Please allow extra time to enter through building security. To request a reasonable accommodation due to disability, please contact Renée Miscione at 212-264-8260, or by email at renee.miscione@gsa.gov, by July 27, 2009.

AIA members -- Continuing Education Credit is available for attending this lecture - 1.5 AIA LUs

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