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Key Talking Points and Programs for AIA Government & Community Relations

Federal Government Shutdown: What You Need to Know

It's been 15 years since the federal government last experienced a shutdown. As another potential shutdown looms, there are lots of questions about how it will affect all Americans, especially those who work with (and for) the federal government. Find out what you need to know about the shutdown at <http://www.aia.org/advocacy/federal/AIAB100179>.

Design-Build Reform Legislation: Tell Congress to Act

House Small Business Committee Sam Graves (R-MO) has introduced the Design-Build Efficiency Act of 2013, legislation the AIA helped to develop to make the design-build competition process fairer for architecture firms. The bill has bipartisan support but needs more backers to help move it forward. Visit <http://www.aia.org/advocacy/federal/AIAB099694> to see how you can help.

New National Design Services Act Toolkit

The AIA has developed this tool kit to provide emerging professionals with a series of well-tested steps to support a legislative push for the National Design Services Act (NDSA). This advocacy plan was developed to garner support for the National Design Services Act in Congress. This requires outlining clearly defined steps that will assist the AIA/AIAS push to have this bill sponsored by members in both the House of Representatives and Senate. Access the new page at <http://www.aia.org/studentloan>.

Tax Reform May Mean Major Changes

Congress may begin debate this fall on a major overhaul of the U.S. tax code. It could mean changes in the tax rates firms pay and the kinds of incentives for good design their clients can use. The AIA is leading a broad industry effort to ensure tax reform helps design firms thrive. Stay tuned to the AIA's Issues and Advocacy page for updates.

Sign Up for the AIA Advocacy Network

After a soft launch at the beginning of the summer, the AIA Advocacy Network will be launched to the entire AIA membership within the next month. As a BAC member, we will need your help in getting this network up and running. We hope that you will encourage members to sign up to be a messenger with the Network on the Advocacy365 site. Please lead by example and sign up for the network at <http://www.aia.org/advocacy/getinvolved/AIAB099357>.