

March 6, 2020

Robert Ivy, FAIA
EVP/Chief Executive Officer
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006-5292

Dear Robert,

M.Thrailkill.Architect LLC, an eight-person firm located in Portland, Oregon, is hereby signing on to the AIA 2030 Commitment program and its goal of carbon-neutral buildings by the year 2030. As a consultant to other architecture and interior design firms, primarily providing specifications writing services to our client-architects, our firm does not make direct design decisions. However, we take very seriously our ability to encourage and guide our architect-clients toward sustainable product and material selections and documentation best-practices and coordination for sustainability success.

The places where we live, work and play represent the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in America, as well as around the world. The design and construction industry has made significant strides toward creating high performance buildings of all types and uses. As a result, the industry is positioned to have a profound impact by continuing to foster high building performance and reducing building-related greenhouse gas emissions.

As architects, we understand the need to exercise leadership in creating the built environment. We believe we must alter our profession's practices and encourage our clients and the entire design and construction industry to join with us to change the course of the planet's future. A multi-year effort will be required to alter current design and construction practices and realize significant reductions in the use of natural resources, non-renewable energy sources and waste production and promote regeneration of natural resources.

We therefore commit M.Thrailkill.Architect, as a consultant to other architecture firms participating in the program, to take the following steps that are part of the AIA 2030 Commitment program:

- Confirm that our architect-clients have created an account in the Design Data Exchange (DDx).
- Confirm that our architect-clients have conducted firm engagement related to the 2030 Commitment and created a Sustainability Action Plan.
- Confirm that our architect-clients endeavor to meet 2030 energy reduction targets across every project as a deliberate part of design.
- Confirm that our architect-clients report the progress of their firm's entire design portfolio toward meeting the 2030 goals by using the AIA 2030 DDx.
- Confirm that our architect-clients review how their progress and practices are tracking with their firm's Sustainability Action Plan. Confirm that our architect-clients update their Sustainability Action Plan once every three years, reflecting on the progress shown their reporting.

We also support the critical need for more consistent and more rigorous metrics related to actual building performance. We further commit our firm's assistance to the AIA and others in the ongoing development of effective metrics and standards for reporting purposes. It is understood that reporting through the AIA

2030 Commitment program must respect the confidentiality of information about specific clients, projects and proprietary tools.

We look forward to working with you and our professional colleagues to achieve the goals of the 2030 Commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'mjt', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Thrailkill AIA, NCARB, CDT, LEED AP