



## **A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects**

### **2016 Legislative Agenda**

#### ***Our Advocacy Mission***

The mission of AIA New Mexico (AIA NM) is to serve as the unifying governmental advocacy and legislative policy voice of the architectural profession in New Mexico. AIA NM is dedicated to influencing the building and planning environment for the public good. It actively advocates at both the state and federal level.

#### ***Our Beliefs and Policy Positions***

AIA NM believes all New Mexicans benefit from innovative public and private partnerships that foster job growth, improve the quality of life, increase business opportunities for the construction industry, create sustainable planning opportunities, and spur revenue growth for local and state governments that enhance the delivery of public sector services, such as education and social needs programs.

#### **AIA-NM SUPPORTS**

#### ***Capital Outlay Reform***

AIA NM supports comprehensive reform of the current capital outlay process to be modeled after the successful public school capital outlay system, including the development of a comprehensive state-wide plan of infrastructure needs and a process for ensuring that highest-priority projects are fully funded.

#### ***Infrastructure and Bonding Priorities***

AIA NM supports an infrastructure investment strategy that ensures New Mexico's vertical and horizontal construction needs are balanced, satisfied and maintained.

AIA NM opposes efforts to supplant, divert or re-allocate available bonding resources away from the state's critical infrastructure needs.

#### ***Procurement Reform***

AIA NM supports the revision of the state's statutes for procurement of services of architects, engineers, landscape architects and surveyors to clarify and ensure that "Qualification Based Selection (QBS)" shall apply to all "public bodies" including home rule municipalities.

#### ***Tax Policy***

AIA NM supports an equitable taxation policy that improves the opportunity for private sector growth while adequately sustaining the public sector.

AIA NM supports existing law that provides gross receipts tax deductions for "construction services" and for tangible property consumed in the manufacturing process.