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EVENT OVERVIEW

Texas Society of Architects 70th Annual Convention
October 22-24, 2009, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX

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The Texas Society of Architects will hold its 70th annual convention Oct. 22-24 in Houston. TSA invites you to observe the events planned during our three-day convention and to visit our Design Products & Ideas Expo to learn about the newest technologies, systems, and materials available to architects and designers.

The convention will feature several sessions on the latest in sustainable design and cutting-edge technology such as Building Information Modeling, in addition to over 57 continuing education sessions. Keynote speakers Drs. Lowell Catlett and Scott Tinker will take a provocative look at the future of the economy and at global energy, respectively. During the convention, the Society will also present its annual awards to recognize outstanding projects, architectural firms, and individuals who have made significant contributions to the architectural profession. In addition, several informative tours are scheduled during the event, including tours of Galveston Island, the Texas Medical Center, and historic Houston neighborhoods. On Sunday, an early morning charity bike ride, the Texas Architectural Foundation (TAF) *Tour des Monuments*, will take riders on scenic routes through Houston neighborhoods. In this packet you will find several media releases that detail various events scheduled during the convention plus local contact information:

- Convention Fact Sheet
- TSA 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient (Carolyn S. Peterson, FAIA)
- TSA 2009 Honor Awards (overall)
- TSA 2009 Caudill, Pfluger, and Romieniec Awards
- TSA 2009 Cornerstone Award Recipient (John and Dominique de Menil)
- TSA 2009 Design Awards, plus spotlight on Houston winners
- TSA 2009 25-Year Award (Margarite B. Parker Chapel)
- Design Products & Ideas Expo Exhibitor List
- Local Points of Contact by Chapter
- Convention Volunteers
- TAF *Tour des Monuments* Bike Ride