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To the Board of Registration of Architects-

I would like to request the Board of Architects to amend it's policy regarding continuing education credit for re-registration on architectural licenses, by accepting the courses offered by the Massachusetts Inspector General's Office for Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Officer (MCPPO) as Health Safety and Welfare (HSW) continuing education credit. Please bring this before the Board at it's Public hearing on September 2, 2015.

In Executive Order No 562 Governor Charles Baker has asked that:

"Whereas, state agencies and offices across the Commonwealth must coordinate and collaborate with one another to ensure that the government speaks in one voice, creating an efficient, coherent and consistent regulatory framework."

I encourage the Board of registration of Architects to accept the MCPPO certification as Health Safety and Welfare (HSW) Continuing Education Credit without requiring the Inspector General office to go through the lengthy approval process required by the AIA. The MCPPO training is required by any Architect who is working on a Public School project that is supported by the MSBA, in large part because the public procurement regulations within Massachusetts are different from all other states, and particular knowledge is required.

The Certification for School Project Designers and Owner's Project Managers course focuses well over 75% of the time on "Welfare" Issues related to the following topics:

- **Construction Contract Administration** – Contracts, Bidding, contract Negotiation (Public procurement laws in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
- **Construction Documents:** - Specifications and Construction Delivery Methods (Massachusetts laws regarding competitive Bidding requirements –Ch 149 and Ch 149A – Construction Manager at Risk alternatives
- **Legal:** Laws, Codes, Regulations, Standards..... to protect the owner and Public

A similar argument would probably be applied for the Design and Construction Contracting Seminar and the Construction Management at Risk Under MGLc.149A.

The Design of a Building or Spotlight on Schools seminar would seem to have a broader set of topics covered including:

- **Design** – *School Building Design*, Site Design, Interiors, Safety and *Security Measures*
- **Environmental** – *Energy Efficiency, Sustainability*, Weatherproofing,
- **Occupant Comfort** – *Air Quality*, ventilation, *lighting (natural and artificial)*, Sound
- **Materials and Methods:** Construction Systems, *Finishes, Furnishings and Equipment*

There may be other Licensing Boards within the Commonwealth that also require continuing education, such as the Real Estate License, or General Contracting license that relate to the practice of architecture. The licensing boards should work together to allow cross registration and acceptance of the CE credits rather than work totally independently.

Please keep me posted on progress as I am very interested in the outcome on this issue.

Thanks-

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