

Title: How To Leverage Social Technologies for a Sustainable Practice ID: AIAX11FR364 Date: May 13, 2011 Time: 6:00-7:00 PM

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Program Summary

In years past, we have seen how the business and practice of architecture evolved as traditional jobs vanished due to economic shifts. As the country moves toward economic recovery, a growing number of start-up firms have emerged to answer the need for employment. The old business model of working out of one's garage to kick-start a fledgling practice has been redefined by the digital revolution. This seminar session program will introduce participants to key tools and technologies in the field of digital marketing and the business model of co-working. It will include basic business management tools, cloud-based free software for generating documents, and web marketing tools like Social Bookmarking, Social Sharing, New Media Marketing, and the basics of Search Engine Optimization, all of which are essential in jump-starting small architecture practices. Participants will identify social media tools applicable to their practices-tools to help them find potential client bases, to develop their brands in the digital world, to understand the merits of a digital client/consumer, and to track the effectiveness of new media strategies. Community feedback is vital to discovering innovative approaches to planning, design, and construction that could create a resilient urban ecosystem. Architects will need to move beyond working in silos and really communicate with the community in order to fully understand and design better solutions for clients. One of the best ways to achieve a design revolution is by getting involved in the digital revolution of social technology.

Learning objectives

- Identify objectives for participating in social media technologies using 5 case studies of companies, then use this information to select social media sites to use as tools in achieving them.
- Plan a social strategy on how to release content to the selected social media sites, using text, images, and video, then create avenues so people can easily find them.

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• Measure the Return On Investment of their efforts in social technology using analytics that will help determine the effectiveness of a specific social media site in their business.

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REFERENCES:

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Groundswell winning in a world transformed by social technologies by Charlene Li and Josh Bernoff. Harvard Business Press

Suggested Social Media Websites for the AEC industry (based on a compilation of Tribeca Flashpoint Media Arts Academy)

Social Websites

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