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SWA Announces the Winners of its First Fellowship Program

At SWA, we're committed to furthering the art and science of landscape architecture. As part of this commitment, we're pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 SWA Group Design and Research Fellowship. Following a spirited discussion of the nineteen applications' many merits, our principals selected the two winners of the firm's first internal fellowship program at their June meeting in Seattle, WA.

The caliber of the proposals was so high, we couldn't limit the program to just one winner. Instead, two project proposals will move forward as full fellowships. Three additional proposals will also happen, but not under the rubric of the fellowship program.

The two full fellowship winners will receive up to four weeks to explore their projects before presenting their work at the October 2008 SWA Design Symposium. By nurturing our employees' creative and investigative instincts, SWA continues to stay on the cutting-edge of landscape design.

Congratulations to the following fellowship winners:

Keeping the Farm: Urban Agriculture

Farmland near urban centers faces intense pressure from development while urban centers often lack sufficient open space for recreation and import all of their food. Ellen Burke's winning project proposal, "Keeping the Farm: Urban Agriculture," will explore the benefits of integrating agricultural production within the urban and suburban environment. Studying this forward thinking approach will enrich SWA's already deep commitment to environmental and economic sustainability as exemplified in our current Angwin Eco-Village and Ferme Ornee projects.

Global Issues: Waterfront Development

Urban waterfronts have the opportunity to not only create a new image of the city, but to transform the dynamic balance among economic, cultural and environmental systems. In an effort to better understand these complex interactions and work towards a sustainable future, Lee Stickle and Wright Yang will map the impact of these three systems on San Francisco's urban waterfront. As part of their winning project proposal, "Global Issues: Waterfront Development," they will also engage the public with an exhibit or book showcasing their findings.

Additional projects include Sergio Lima's investigation of plant materials in Dubai; a team teaching project featuring elementary, middle and high school workshops on

landscape architecture and sustainable practices; and Leah Hales' revision of the SWA production manual.

Continuing the mentoring tradition of our company's founders, Hideo Sasaki and Peter Walker, who both served as heads of Harvard University's department of landscape architecture, an interested principal will act as a resource and mentor to the team members.