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MISSOURI LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – MAY 8, 2009

TO: American Institute of Architects of Missouri

**LAST WEEK OF SESSION
ENDS ON FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009**

DESIGN BUILD FOR SCHOOLS: This language is included in SB 291. This bill is on the House calendar and very likely to come up for debate this week. This bill has a \$300 million plus fiscal note which could very well kill this bill. There are 20 plus amendments distributed to be amended to this bill on the House floor. Contacts to the House members are working. Keep them coming. Our goal is to discuss this language in the bill, possibly amend it out of the bill, but at a minimum a great deal of negative discussion on design build for schools. The bill would have to pass the House, go to the Senate with a request to go to conference, go through a conference committee and back to the Senate and the House. This is a lot of activity to get done in the last week – but it is never over until the clock strikes 6 p.m. on Friday!

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS BILL BECOMES OMNIBUS LICENSING BILL: SB 296 is a large professional registration package with very few controversial provisions. This bill has been approved by the House and Senate, gone to conference and now awaits final action from both the House and Senate. I expect this bill to pass this week.

STATE OPERATING BUDGET was approved late Thursday night along with the stimulus funding in HB 21 and stabilization funding in HB 22.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES: Provisions from Sen. Jeff Smith's SB 430 will be amended to SB 539, relating to environmental protections. This bill is on the House calendar and has a chance for passage this week.

COMPLETE STREETS language is still in play in two omnibus transportation bills.

CHANGE IN ACCESS MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIPS is dead for this session.

TAX CREDIT REFORM is still tied up in the economic development bill. Negotiations are ongoing to reach a compromise on tax credit reform in order to move forward an economic development package this session. Negotiators will continue through the weekend and next week to reach some compromise.

