



Greetings,

My name is William Basco, and I am the Early Professional Director for AIA Illinois. We are excited to hear of your Early Professional/Young Architect's interest in attending the **AIA Illinois EP Summit** taking place **September 20-21, 2025**. Each year, the EP Summit rotates across the regions of the state and this year we will convene in historic **Hyde Park** on the south side of Chicago. I am writing to you today to encourage your financial support for your employee's attendance.

Every year, the EP Summit provides not only the opportunity to learn from the best practitioners across the state, but it also creates a platform for practitioners doing good work across Illinois. On numerous occasions, attendees have returned to the EP Summit in following years as speakers on behalf of their firm, sharing the good, innovative, and important work they are participating in at their office.

Your employee will partake in CEU's, engage in diverse and valuable design perspectives, gain knowledge about the urban history and innovation going on across Illinois—from concept design to project delivery—and bring that inspiration and innovation back to your firm on Monday.

I can personally attest to the successes of this annual event. Both as a student and as an early professional, I attended three times and gained a vast awareness, appreciation, and curiosity from the summit each year. I carried this curiosity and determination with me back to the office, where it has accelerated my technical growth and aspirations as an architect, increasing my contribution to the firm year after year. Not only that, but it also inspired me to get involved in the AIA, with this now being my second year as the EP Director of AIA Illinois.

Participation in the EP Summit helps to create and maintain a statewide culture of excellence and collaboration. We are excited for your employee to attend and hope that you will consider supporting them!

Thank you for your consideration and time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Basco", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Alexander Basco, Assoc. AIA, NOMA
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