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SIPA Annual Conference: “Setting Course for the Next 25 Years” Convenes in San Juan, Puerto Rico April 4-6, 2016

Programming to Feature 2016 Building Excellence Awards, Supplier Expo, Net Zero Ready and Resilient Construction Approaches

JANUARY 15, 2016: The Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA) will convene the association’s 2016 Annual SIPA Conference by celebrating the group’s 25th anniversary and envisioning the future. The meeting, aptly dubbed “Setting Course for the Next 25 Years”, will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico from April 4-6, 2016 at the Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel situated in the heart of historic old San Juan. Featured programming includes: the 14th Annual Building Excellence Awards, presentations highlighting the annual SIP Production Survey, how to market high-performance economically, legal expert on safeguarding your assets with “Must-Do Business Structure Approaches” as well as trends and drivers effecting net-zero energy efficient, resilient construction to meet tougher codes in the U.S. and Caribbean.

This is the industry’s only annual event dedicated to structural insulated panels (SIPs) and features a vendor & supplier expo of over 20 booths for SIP focused discussions and networking galore.

According to SIPA’s Executive Director Jack Armstrong, “As SIPA celebrates 25 years as a trade association, we rededicate ourselves to refocusing our efforts on wide-scale adoption of SIPs within the next 5 years and mainstreaming market penetration.”

Armstrong points to the surge in demand for green buildings, rigorous new energy codes like California’s Title 24, the 2015 IRC Energy Code and international efforts to curb carbon emissions and reverse climate change.
“SIPs are a powerful enabling technology that can play a pivotal role in achieving air leakage rates well below three air changes per hour. At the same time, SIPs take less time to install, require less skilled labor, and cost less to own and operate. For these reasons and more, the time is right to accelerate SIP adoption,” said Armstrong.

The 14th Annual Building Excellence Awards, sponsored by BASF

On April 5, recipients of the 2016 Building Excellence Awards sponsored by BASF will be honored at the yearly awards banquet. In its fourteenth year, the Building Excellence programming aims to identify, celebrate and elevate SIP projects with exceptional energy efficiency, design innovation, aesthetics, and environmental sustainability.

To learn more about eligibility and how to submit a project, please download the Official Entry Form here. Applications are due March 4th, 2016. To learn more about SIPs, find a contractor in your area or to see prior Building Excellence award winning projects, take a moment to tour SIPA’s new, responsive website at www.sips.org.

About SIPA
The Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA) is a non-profit association dedicated to increasing the use and acceptance of structural insulated panels (SIPs) in green, high performance building by providing an industry forum for promotion, communication, education, quality assurance, and technical and marketing research. SIPs are a high performance, panelized building system that offers superior thermal performance, air tightness, and durability for energy-efficient homes and commercial buildings.

Builders and design professionals seeking to reduce energy use and minimize the carbon footprint of their buildings utilize SIPs as a cost-effective solution for exterior wall and roof systems that also cuts down on framing time, lessens construction waste, and ensures greater jobsite quality control through prefabrication. SIPs are an enabling technology to meet to the Architecture 2030 Challenge for net-zero carbon neutral buildings today. Learn more at www.sips.org.