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**National AIA awards Mithun special recognition for revolutionary sustainable urban plan
*Lloyd Crossing Sustainable Urban Plan Breaks the Mold, Wins COTE Top 10***

(Seattle, WA) -- The American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment named Mithun's Sustainable Urban Plan for Portland's Lloyd Crossing as one of the Top Ten projects for 2005. The national award program, which traditionally lauds individual projects, made special exception this year in its recognition of Mithun's revolutionary urban infill strategy and plan.

The Lloyd Crossing Plan is actually No. 11 of this year's COTE Top Ten, within its own category, "Special Recognition." *"Each year the COTE Top Ten jury selects built architectural projects to receive the award. Given the focus on urban design and planning, your project did not fit the description of the traditional Top Ten submission. However, the jury was very impressed with your project and decided to honor your project with an award,"* the COTE jury announced.

With a 45-year vision, the Lloyd Crossing Sustainable Urban Design Plan alters a 35-block, underutilized area near downtown Portland, transforming it into a vibrant, 24/7, mixed-use green neighborhood. Remarkably, the plan will increase density on the site five-fold by 2050 while reducing its carbon dioxide and water footprints to pre-development levels – or levels that existed when the site was a pristine forest.

The plan also leverages existing rail lines to create transit-oriented development; integrates a habitat corridor; installs district water reuse & energy systems, designs sustainable stormwater management strategies, such as bioswales and vegetated roofs; specifies environmentally intelligent techniques for the design of new buildings and the renovation of existing buildings; and establishes a management association to oversee the public-private partnerships necessary to make the plan financially feasible. To accompany the plan, Mithun also conceptually designed a Catalyst Project, a series of four tangible alternatives for the site's development, to create the backbone of the sustainable neighborhood.

Every year the AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE), in partnership with the Department of Energy (DOE), invites electronic submission of built projects. The jury selects 10 projects as best-practice examples of a high-performance, sustainable design approach. The program, begun in 1998, recognizes projects that address significant environmental challenges with designs that integrate architecture, technology, and natural systems. Projects are evaluated for their contributions to their sites and existing ecosystems, connections to the surrounding community, use of high-performance technologies, energy use, and sensitive use of materials and resources. Mithun's AIA

COTE Top Ten awards now total four, starting with the landmark Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) Seattle Flagship, named to the inaugural list.

“The Lloyd Crossing Sustainable Urban Design Plan represents the next evolution in urban design and planning for cities where the public and private realms operate as integrated systems, gaining economic advantage for both while creating dynamic, high-density urban places,” said Bert Gregory AIA, CEO of Mithun.

The AIA Committee on the Environment represents more than 5,000 AIA architects committed to making sustainable design integral to the practice of architecture. The Top Ten "Green" Projects initiative was developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy. Selected projects include new construction and renovation of office, residential, academic, civic, and institutional facilities.

About Mithun

Mithun is a nationally recognized leader in the design of sustainable places, buildings and neighborhoods. The Seattle-based firm designed the first LEED® Gold-certified retail store, REI

Portland, and one of the first five LEED® Gold-certified buildings in the United States, IslandWood, an environmental learning center. More than 70% of Mithun’s interdisciplinary

technical staff are LEED® Accredited Professionals, and the firm’s culture supports employees’

research-based explorations of integrated design that is sustainable, livable and buildable. www.mithun.com.