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### **National Academy of Environmental Design to Host Inaugural Meeting in Washington, D.C.**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The National Academy of Environmental Design (NAED) will host its first face-to-face meeting July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.. Representatives from a growing coalition of national organizations focused on the built environment will meet to forge the new organization’s governance structure and develop a research and advocacy agenda for 2008-09. Following the daytime meetings on Thursday, NAED charter members, members of Congress and various representatives from local institutions are invited to an evening reception in the National Building Museum’s new Beverly Willis Foundation Library.

Among the meeting participants are Thom Banks, Deputy Executive Director of the American Society of Interior Designers; Thomas Fisher, Dean of the University of Minnesota College of Design; Harrison Fraker, FAIA, Dean of the University of California-Berkeley College of Environmental Design; Ric Grefé, Executive Director of AIGA “the professional association for design”; Douglas Kelbaugh, FAIA, Dean of Architecture and Urban Planning at University of Michigan; James Palmer, FASLA, Landscape Architect; Linda Sorrento, ASID, IIDA, LEED-AP, Director of the LEED for Commercial Interiors program at U.S. Green Building Council, and Jeff Soule, FAICP, Director of Outreach and International Programs of the American Planning Association.

Members of the press are invited to attend both the meetings and the evening reception to speak with our charter members and learn more about the NAED’s efforts. For more information please visit [www.naedonline.org](http://www.naedonline.org).

**EVENT:** National Academy of Environmental Design Meeting

**DATES:** Thursday, July 10, 2008, 12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
*Reception: Thursday, July 10, 2008, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.*

Friday, July 11, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** National Building Museum  
401 F Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001