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## 2007 Canstruction® Event

South Burlington, VT – On October 20th at the University Mall, TD Banknorth presenter of the Third Annual Canstruction® Event and host AIA Vermont showcased a design build exhibit of 10 sculptures created with canned food by teams of architects, engineers and students. At the close of the exhibition over 20,000 pounds of canned food used in the structures was donated to the Vermont Foodbank. The teams won awards in these following categories:

Best Meal - MorrisSwitzer: "A CAN can kick Hunger"

Best Use of Labels - Black River Design Architects: "Cooking with Cans"

Structural Ingenuity – Mater Christi School: All AmeriCAN"

Juror's Favorite – MorrisSwitzer

Honorable Mention – Gossens Bachman Architects: "Fighting Hunger is Simple Math"

Honorable Mention – Creative Office Pavilion: "The Little Engine that CAN"

With over 475 people casting votes, the People's Choice Award was given to BreadLoaf Corporation's sculpture entitled "Alternative CANergy"

Other Canstruction entries included:

Engineering Ventures – "The Roller-Can-Ster"

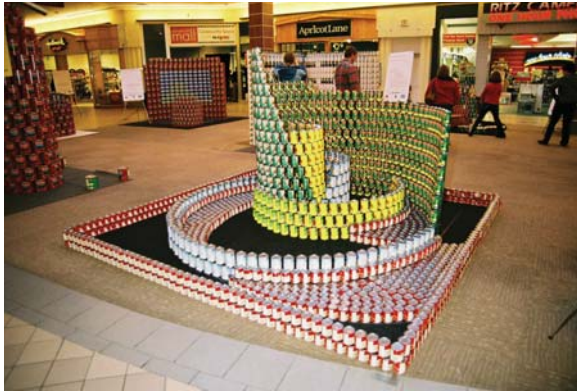
Freeman French Freeman – "Hunger Extinguishing CANister"

Norwich University – "Super Mario Brothers"

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CANstruction Photos Courtesy David Heath

The jurors for this year's competition included:

Alex Aldrich – Exec. Dir. Vermont Arts Council

Dave Burley – State of Vermont, Buildings & General Services

Robert Dostis – The Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger

Stephanie Strada – Clear Channel Radio

John Novelli, P.E. – Novelli Engineering

William Wiese, II FAIA - Architect

AIA Vermont, Past President Michael Hoffman welcomed everyone to the Awards Ceremony and Vice-President Dave Estes of TD Banknorth congratulated all the teams. Alex Aldrich, Exec. Director of the Vermont Arts Council announced the winners. Doug O'Brien, CEO at the Vermont Foodbank closed the ceremony with many enlightening words that expressed how over 20,000 meals will be delivered to Vermonters this year.

Canstruction® is a trademarked charity competition of the Design and Construction Industry to give back to the communities it helps build while focusing on the problems of hunger. The event is the brainchild of the Society for Design Administration sponsored in conjunction with chapters of the American Institute of Architects and other professional industry associations. Over 100 cities across the United States and Canada will host their own competitions in November.

Website: [www.canstruction.org](http://www.canstruction.org).



## 2008 Conference to Launch Vermont Core Performance Guide

The region's premiere conference on building durability, efficiency and value returns to the Sheraton Conference Center in Burlington on February 13-14, 2008. Presented by Efficiency Vermont, the Better Buildings By Design 2008 Conference will offer 40+ workshops on design and construction approaches and technologies that are being used to create today's high-performance homes and commercial buildings. Led by leaders in the industry, workshops will be featured in four simultaneous tracks on building envelope, lighting, mechanical systems, and innovations/high performance. More than 1,000 attendees are expected.

A special feature this year will be a pre-conference workshop, on February 12th from 9-4 at the Sheraton, introducing the new Vermont edition of the Advanced Buildings' Core Performance Guide. This guide, designed as a companion tool with existing design publications available from Efficiency Vermont, is unique in its ability to not only provide a specific set of strategies that will reduce energy use by more than 20% above State energy code but also to enable designers to find out about financial incentive levels in the design phase of a project. Attendees registering for both this workshop and the full Better Buildings By Design Conference will receive a \$100 discount off the total cost.

On the opening day of the conference, the keynote address will be given by Marianne Cusato, a designer ranked fourth most influential person in the home building industry by Builder Magazine. Cusato was the designer of the first Katrina Cottage in the fall of 2005 whose ideas led Congress to appropriate \$400 million for an alternative emergency housing program. In 2006, the Smithsonian Institute's Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum honored Cusato with the first annual "People's Design Award" for her design of the 308 square foot Katrina Cottage One. Cusato will address the elements of good design in homes and communities and the impact of design on the quality of our lives and the sustainability of the earth's resources.

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Conference participants will be able to earn continuing-education credits from a range of professional organizations, including AIA, Building Performance Institute, Construction Specifications Institute and Residential Energy Services Network.

Conference registration discounts are available to groups of four or more. For more information or to register, visit [www.encyvermont.com](http://www.encyvermont.com) or call 802-865-5202

## 1st Annual Vermont Green Builders & Energy Conservation Show

January 11-13, 2008

Exhibit and help VGBN at the same time!

Are you looking to expose your organization or products to a large audience? This year, in conjunction with the 5th Annual Vermont Log & Timber Frame Show and the 3rd Annual Vermont Manufactured Housing Show, there will be a new Vermont Green Builders and Energy Conservation Show, held on January 11 -13, 2008 at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Junction. The show organizers are looking for groups and businesses to exhibit and sell their green building products and services. VGBN members will receive a 10% discount on booth space, and VGBN will receive an additional 10% as a donation. Please take advantage of this opportunity to reach thousands of people with your message and products, and help VGBN continue to promote green building in Vermont. For more information, or to reserve your booth space, please contact Chris Weaver at 1-800-539-7355, or email him at [cweaver@Americasbest-shows.com](mailto:cweaver@Americasbest-shows.com)

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**Show Venue:**

Blue Ribbon Pavilion - Robert E. Miller Expo Centre  
Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, VT

**Exclusive Show Hotel:**

Fairfield Inn by Marriott (802) 655-1400  
Mention our show, receive special show rate (limited availability)

**Hours:**

Friday 12:00 Noon - 7:00, Saturday 10:00 - 7:00, Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

**Free Parking**

**Cost:** Adults: \$8.00 (\$7.00 with coupon)

Seniors: \$7.00 (No coupon) Children: \$3.00 (ages 6-12 - under 6: free)

**2007 Update to AIA Contract Documents Includes Changes to A201™**

**Institute launches update to nearly 40 different documents**

The AIA recently introduced its 2007 Update to AIA Contract Documents, which have defined the contractual relationships in the design and construction industry for 120 years. The AIA prepared the 2007 Update, which consists primarily of agreements in the popular A201 family of documents, with input from owners, contractors, attorneys, architects, and engineers. The 2007 Update includes nearly 40 contract documents, including new owner/architect agreements.

The AIA revises the A201 family every 10 years to reflect changes in industry trends and practices. The revision process began in 2004, when the AIA solicited industry feedback on the 1997 A201 family of documents from more than a dozen industry groups, including:

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- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Council of American Structural Engineers
- National Association of State Facilities Administrators
- Commercial Owners Association of America
- American Council of Construction Lawyers
- Attorneys from Divisions 2 and 12 of the American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry.

The AIA Documents Committee and AIA staff attorneys met with most of these groups and worked with them to address their concerns, which included dispute resolution, financial matters, the right to obtain payment information, insurance, the architect's standard of care, and sustainable design. The first drafts of the 2007 agreements were completed in 2005. The AIA sent the drafts out to the industry for review, made revisions to respond to the comments received, and sent out additional drafts in 2006 before finalizing the agreements for the November 2007 release.

"We are very grateful to the industry for candidly sharing hundreds of comments—these provided the feedback we needed to address all parties' concerns," says Suzanne Harness, AIA, Esq., managing director and counsel, AIA Contract Documents. "AIA documents are the most respected and widely used in the design and construction industry. We think that's because we provide a winning combination: agreements that fairly balance the interests of contracting parties and easy-to-use software that delivers documents in Microsoft Word®."



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## The 2007 Update

Major changes include:

### Update to A201, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction:

Significant changes to A201—the backbone of the A201 family of documents because it forms the relationship among the owner, contractor, and architect—reflect transformations in industry practices since A201 was last revised in 1997.

- **Removal of Mandatory Arbitration.** Parties are no longer required to resolve disputes through arbitration. The 2007 Update now offers arbitration as an option. However, if no option is specifically selected, the default procedure is litigation.
- **Consolidation of Arbitrations.** New provisions allow for the architect and his or her consultants, the owner, the contractor, and subcontractors to participate in one multi-party arbitration, as long as certain conditions are met.
- **Initial Decision Maker.** Previous versions of the documents assigned the architect the role of serving as a neutral party to decide disputes between the owner and contractor. The 2007 Update provides the owner and contractor with the opportunity to hire a third-party initial decision maker (IDM) for dispute resolution. The architect remains as the default if an IDM is not identified in the contract.
- **Statute of Limitations.** The revised A201 designates that the time limit for commencing claims is determined by state law. However, this time limit cannot be longer than 10 years after substantial completion of the project.

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## aiaVT Welcomes

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- **Additional Insured Provisions.** Project Management Protective Liability Insurance is deleted and substituted with a practice that has become common in the industry, naming the owner, architect, and the architect's consultants as additional insureds under the contractor's general liability policy.
- **Right to Financial Information.** The 2007 Update limits the contractor's right to request financial information from the owner after work commences to the occurrence of enumerated events that would lead to concern about the owner's ability to pay. The revisions also allow the owner a greater opportunity to learn of contractor/subcontractor payment problems and address a contractor's failure to pay a subcontractor by allowing the owner to write joint checks.

**New Numbering System:** A noticeable change is the new numbering system, which provides consistency in document numbering and establishes a meaning for each number. While the documents maintain a letter to denote the agreement parties, the first number indicates the type of agreement or form (e.g., prime or subcontract), the second number identifies the family, and the third number indicates sequence. For example, A141™-2004, is a prime agreement in the design-build family and is the first document in the sequence.

**Digital Practice Documents:** E201-2007, Digital Data Protocol Exhibit, which allows parties to establish project-specific protocols for data transfer, and C106-2007, Digital Data Licensing Agreement were introduced in early 2007. As the use of paper construction documents continues to decrease, these documents allow parties to manage their digital data.