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Leading Design Firm Promotes Christine L. Carlyle to Principal

Chicago Resident Christine L. Carlyle Moves Up at Solomon Cordwell Buenz

Chicago, IL – Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB), a premier international architecture and design firm, recently announced the promotion of Christine L. Carlyle AIA, AICP, to Principal and Director of Planning.

Christine Carlyle has over 25 years of experience in planning, urban design and architecture and is recognized for her work creating sustainable and livable communities. As a planner and architect, Christine is significantly impacting cities and communities across the globe through urban design, transit oriented development, form-based codes, land use policy and economic planning. Since founding the SCB Planning Studio in 2002, Christine has directed a diverse portfolio of projects in Chicago, Oak Park, Hoffman Estates and Milwaukee ranging from comprehensive planning and urban design to campus plans for Loyola and Dominican Universities. Her recent projects address international issues with an emphasis on large scale master plans, including projects for Chennai, India; Bratislava, Slovakia; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; Doha, Qatar; and Ha'il, Saudi Arabia.

Currently, Christine is one of the key planners developing the design vision and land use policy for the new City Centre of the Capital City District in the United Arab Emirates, in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. Christine and SCB began work in Abu Dhabi in 2008 and recently completed detailed urban design guidelines for 4 square miles of the new Capital City, City Centre. She is also leading the planning and urban design for a new Economic City in Saudi Arabia with a land area of 60 square miles and an innovative strategic aerospace development master plan for 20 square miles encompassing the Al Ain International Airport in Abu Dhabi.

“It is an honor to be named a Principal at SCB,” stated Christine. “To be able to share my expertise and enthusiasm for planning and urban design within the context of an influential, design and sustainability focused architecture firm is an incredible professional experience.”

Drawing on extensive public and private sector experience in Chicago, Dallas and Boston, Christine brings a multi-disciplinary, vision to the design of urban environments and is engaged in urban revitalization and development, bringing a comprehensive understanding of the forces that impact urban

growth. She advocates a design and planning vision that champions livability, sustainable urbanism, regional sensitivity, economic responsibility and the building of a vital, enduring, and inclusive public realm. As a trusted advisor and collaborator with her clients, Christine understands their critical issues, develops innovative solutions, and incorporates strategic partnerships to realize unique projects.

Prior to joining SCB, she was Director of Planning at Farr Associates, designing sustainable communities in Gary, Indiana; Senior Planner at Skidmore Owings and Merrill developing the Chicago Central Area Plan and Harvard University North Campus Framework Plan; Assistant Director at the City of Dallas, Department of Planning and Development, where she directed urban design plans with a focus on downtown revitalization, including the Dallas Arts District, Victory, and Farmer's Market, as well as neighborhood plans and transit oriented development for the new Dallas Area Rapid Transit system; and project designer for Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott in Boston, directing a diverse portfolio of medical, academic, and government projects, such as the Massachusetts Statehouse and New England Medical Center.

[“One of SCB’s founders, John Cordwell, was an accomplished city planner who worked internationally and at one time was the Director of Planning for the City of Chicago. Under Christine’s leadership that tradition of comprehensive, thoughtful and imaginative urban planning is once again an integral part of SCB’s design practice,”](#) said SCB Chairman, John Lahey, AIA. [“On behalf of the entire SCB team, I congratulate Christine on her professional success and look forward to many more of her accomplishments.”](#)

Christine is active member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), Public Policy Committee that provides in technical assistance for planning services for low-income areas and the Planning & Advocacy Committee for Greater North Michigan Avenue Association. Her other recent community service activities include, Women in Planning and Development, Executive Board; American Institute of Architects, Regional and Urban Design Committee Chair; and Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Alumni Council. Christine received her Bachelor of Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University and Masters of Architecture in Urban Design from Harvard University.

About SCB:

SCB is a leading architecture, interior design and planning firm practicing internationally from offices in Chicago, San Francisco and Abu Dhabi. SCB has extensive experience in the design of urban mixed-use, multi-family residential, corporate office, higher education, laboratory and transportation facilities. SCB’s award winning projects include Klarchek Information Commons, a digital library at Loyola University Chicago, 340 on the Park (Chicago), the first all-residential tower in the Midwest to achieve LEED silver certification, and One Rincon Hill (San Francisco), with state of the art sustainable building technologies. The firm has also done extensive work abroad including ongoing planning for the new City Centre in the Capital City District of Abu Dhabi.