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**Kahn's Chairman & CEO, Stephen Whitney, is honored with  
AIA Gold Medal Award**

Detroit, Michigan, May 20, 2009 – The Albert Kahn Family of Companies (Kahn), a leading provider of architecture, engineering, planning, design and management services, is proud to announce that the Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has chosen Stephen Q. Whitney, FAIA, LEED® AP to receive the 2009 Gold Medal award. The Gold Medal is the highest achievement that an architect can attain in the state.

AIA Michigan is a chapter of the AIA. Its members bring to public attention examples of good design and to recognize the people who make significant contributions to the built environment. AIA strives to develop and disseminate policies that enhance the natural and built environment; educate the public and students about the value of architecture; and create fellowship and interaction amongst professionals within the architecture industry.

As Chairman and CEO of Kahn, Whitney has a passion to continually challenge and inspire the architecture industry. In recognition of his significant contributions to the profession, AIA elected Whitney to its prestigious College of Fellows in 1996 and in 1998, he was the recipient of the Gold Medal Award from AIA's Detroit Chapter. Since joining the firm in 1979, Whitney has served on many significant health care projects as both a team leader and Project Principal, many of which have led to award recognition. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor of arts in architecture (1966) and a bachelor of architecture (1968). Whitney currently resides in Birmingham, Michigan with his wife Sue.

Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. was founded in 1895 by world-renowned architect, Albert Kahn. Today, the Albert Kahn Family of Companies have grown to become worldwide leaders in architecture, engineering, planning, design and management. With offices in Detroit, MI; Birmingham, AL; Juarez, Mexico and Sao Paulo, Brazil, Kahn is well-conditioned to meet the changing needs of clients in a variety of market sectors, including health care, corporate, educational, automotive/industrial, research and technology, and government. Recent notable projects include a \$350 million rail car manufacturing facility for National Steel Car Ltd. in The Shoals, AL; and a \$276 million replacement hospital for Henry Ford Health System in West Bloomfield, MI.

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