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### **New Nonprofit Starts the Year with a Bang of Events**

Texas, Feb. 2011

The new nonprofit, Institute for Leadership in Capital Projects (I-LinCP) is living up to its colloquial speech name of, “i-link-up” with a series of extraordinary networking, social, and learning opportunities in Texas. Attendees to all events are introduced to the Institute’s focus on open communication, collaboration and dialogue in the construction industry to address pressing issues in the planning, design, delivery, construction and operation of capital projects.

Fabulous food and motivating programs are served at premier locations designed to foster associative relationships. At the networking events, Founder and Executive Director, Carol Warkoczewski leads attendees through an “8 Minute Ripple” networking process. This form of interaction gives participants a truer appreciation for the people they meet. Potential bonding points and common interests are explored for opening opportunities for further interaction. The 8-Minute Ripple was developed and popularized by Austin, Texas resident, Steve Harper (details at [www.ripplecentral.com](http://www.ripplecentral.com)).

#### **San Antonio**

On, February 17, 2011 attendees will hear guest speaker Suzanne B. Scott, General Manager of the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) at the recognized LÜKE restaurant located inside the new Embassy Suites Hotel on the River Walk. An evening of networking and socializing is planned to learn about the final phase in recreating the San Antonio River and its path by the historic missions south of downtown. Being the single, largest civil engineering project in San Antonio’s history, Scott will share the challenges and lessons learned and reveal the hottest news on the \$358.3 million investment on the San Antonio River Improvements Project (SARIP), including ecosystem restoration, recreational amenities and flood control along 13 miles of the San Antonio River. Registration includes a delicious and unique menu of LÜKE Restaurant’s passed hors d’oeuvres (including Flammkuche, Bam Bam Shrimp, Flash-fried oysters, meat pies, crab bisque, and desserts), with the first drink complimentary.

#### **Dallas**

March 9, 2011 brings the Spring Networking & Social event at the inspiring Dallas Center for Architecture. This event will highlight the Center’s exhibits and will include entrance to a film about architect Howard Meyer. Filmmaker J. Mitchell Johnson is devoted to the life and work of the iconic architect Meyer, designer of Temple Emanu-el

and 3525 Turtle Creek Boulevard. Completed in rough form in 1993, the film is updated by utilizing additional interview footage and HD footage of Meyer's work. A discussion with the architects and historians, including Mark Gunderson will follow the film. The catered event will feature local, artisan foods.

**Austin**

The 3rd Annual Leadership in Capital Projects (LinCP) Forum will be held on April 5-6, 2011. Keynote presenters will include leaders in collaborative processes for capital projects and founding members of the MindShift Consortium, Bill Black (April 5) and Rex Miller and Dean Strombom (April 6). Sponsorships for all events are available.

Capital project constituents are invited to join the Institute for Leadership in Capital Projects (I-LinCP).

Details and registration for all events are at [www.i-lincp.org](http://www.i-lincp.org).

This year's I-LinCP networking events started in Houston, TX on January 20, 2011 with a tour of The Menil Collection, lead by Emily Todd, Deputy Director of the museum. Over 50 attendees took time to de-compressing at the Menil Collection museum, then enjoyed signature margaritas, other fine beverages and trays of interior Mexican appetizers at Hugo's Restaurant.

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