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LARSON & DARBY GROUP ARCHITECTS AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS RECEIVE SAFETY ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATION

Rockford, Ill., (June 7, 2013) – Larson & Darby Architect Jennifer Deuth Fritts and Structural Engineers William Waldorf and Michael Dal Pra were recently certified by the California Emergency Management Agency as Safety Assessment Program evaluators. The Safety Assessment Program is made up of professional engineers, architects and certified business inspectors to assist local governments in safety evaluation of their buildings in the aftermath of a disaster. Deuth Fritts, Waldorf and Dal Pra attended a day-long training session at Rock Valley College to become certified. The state of California developed the program and offers the training nationwide.

In addition to being placed on the Central United States Earthquake Consortium's (CUSEC) earthquake inspector database as SAP evaluators, Deuth Fritts, Waldorf and Dal Pra will use their training in their day-to-day roles. "Our structural engineers are often called on to assess structural integrity of existing buildings that may be damaged by age or external forces," said Deuth Fritts. "And, as an architect, I found this training vital to the work I do in evaluating existing buildings for renovations or additions or when doing life safety checks. Ultimately, life safety is a huge factor in the business of building."

To maintain their certification, Deuth Fritts, Waldorf and Dal Pra will be required to take part in continued training every five years.

About Larson & Darby

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