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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION AND FLORIDA HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION TO HOST 26TH ANNUAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SEMINAR

~New Bureau Chief of Plans and Construction opens this year's event~

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) will once again partner with the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association (FHEA) to present two days of training and trade show events at the *2010 Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities in the First Decade Seminar and Trade Show*. This event marks the 26th year the Agency and FHEA have invited engineers, health care professionals, architects and staff from across the state to share new ideas about improving facilities around Florida. This year's seminar will be held at the Peabody Hotel in Orlando, September 20 – 21, 2010.

"Each year, this seminar provides an opportunity for professionals from around the state to strategize on how to design and build better health care facilities," Agency Secretary Thomas W. Arnold said. "The Agency is proud to partner with the FHEA to continue this important training event."

Joining this year's seminar and trade show's planning team is the Agency's new Bureau Chief of the Office of Plans and Construction, Wayne Young. Mr. Young joins the Agency after starting and running Young Architects in Orlando for twenty years. A member of both AIA (American Institute of Architects) and NCARB (National Council of Architectural Registration Boards), Mr. Young is a licensed architect in Florida, Arizona, New York and Illinois. Prior to running his own business, Wayne served as Vice President with the Evans Group for ten years and worked for Watson & Company as their lead architectural designer and product coordinator involved with code research and analysis.

"The Office of Plans and Construction plays an important role in ensuring that Florida's health care facilities are safe and functional for the patients and residents," said Deputy Secretary of Health Quality Assurance, Liz Dudek. "The addition of Mr. Young to the Agency's team of professionals will help guarantee this effort."

Mr. Young, and the president of the FHEA, Mike Barrow, will provide opening remarks for this year's event. Attendees can expect presentations from nationally recognized architecture and engineering firms and speakers. Featured presentations include "The State of Health Care Construction in Today's Economy" by Kenneth D. Simonson, Chief Economist with the Association of General Contractors of America and "Health Care Review of the Life Safety Code" presented by James K. Lathop, FSFPE, Vice President of Koffel Associates, Inc.

Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from four breakout session tracks - including architecture, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and facility management - to better allow



detailed coverage of issues important to the design, construction and operation of health care facilities in Florida. Those who attend will receive continuing education units that will be submitted to the architecture and engineering professional registration boards of Florida.

Click [here](#) if you would like to register for the *2010 Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities in the First Decade Seminar and Trade Show*. For more information about the Agency's Office of Plans and Construction, visit AHCA.MyFlorida.com.

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